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Praises

● 5 saved ● 1 baptised ● Canvassing Palmerston North and Masterton with gospel tracks ● 4 joined the church in Palmerston North

Prayers

● Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Outreach ● Brittany's Permanent Residence ● God to call someone to train for Palmerston work. ● The NZBBTP Students

Thank you for your continued prayers for us here in New Zealand. The Lord has been really working these past two months.

Two of our men from the Palmerston North work – Brent and Cody – flew to India for a three week missions trip. The first part they spent on the east side of India with a national pastor, that Harvest Baptist supports. They were very active in the ministry at the Christian School, that their church runs. They both taught in the assemblies, as well as doing outreach and preaching. They then took a bus across to the west side of India to work with another national pastor. At this work they did many hours of outreach and street evangelizing, teaching in the Bible Institute and preaching. They also had the opportunity to preach on the radio and television. It was a great time of growth for both of these men.



In the month of January, we had a young man, Phillip, get baptized. Phillip had received Christ in November of last year. We also had four people join the church in Palmerston North.

The New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) started the new year on February 22nd with four new students. The

first three weeks in Palmerston North were for the new students. Guy taught Computer Essentials and Speech for two of those weeks, and a missionary and his wife from the South Island flew up to teach a class on English Grammar. Guy completed the container that we bought and fitted out as a dorm room for the guys. They were able to use it during the classes and it was a great help. The returning three students have now joined the new students in their classes



Outreach continues to go well in both Palmerston North and Masterton. We have finished canvassing the city of Palmerston North (85,000 people) for the 5th time with Gospel literature and are now working on the cities of Ashhurst and Woodville. We continue to have a presence in the city by handing out tracts and talking to people. We have seen fruit from our labors with an older man starting to attend the church and a young teenager who got saved and is attending church and youth activities. We've also seen 4 others come to know the Lord as their Savior while ministering in the city.

The Masterton work is going slow, but good. During the month of January, I taught on the "Church", "Baptism" and the "Lord's Supper". We also have been having a church luncheon the 2nd Sunday of each month and have held a picnic at the lake. We are trying to build a better relationship with the people. Please pray with us for the Judds (missionaries trying to get the New Zealand). We are praying that they will be here soon to help with this ministry.

Debbie has been busy with doing Bible Studies with four different ladies, teaching and leading the Children's Program and holding Ladies Fellowships each month. Logan and Brittany have been leading our College & Careers and Young Marrieds program, taking others through the discipleship program and music ministry. Logan has also been doing some preaching at the Masterton work and leading the Sunday night service while I am in Masterton.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support of these ministries. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston