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NZBBTP Van (Too Small - 7 Students)



Nursery Renovations In Progress



Nursery Renovations Finished



Praises

- Canvassing Palmerston North and the Wairarapa with gospel tracks
- Perm. Residence for three of Tome family
- New family in the Masterton work

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth
- Outreach
- Brittany's Permanent Residence
- God to call someone to train for Palmerston work
- Santy's Permanent Residence to be approved
- NZBBTP studies
- 10-12 seater van for NZBBT Programme

Thank you for your continued prayers for us here in New Zealand. As the time is getting nearer to our Lord's Return we continue to pray for hearts to be tendered to the Gospel and for souls to be saved.

In July we were blessed with getting together with some other American missionaries to celebrate the 4th of July. We pray for the United States as we get nearer to the elections and for all the turmoil that is building up in our great nation. May we all stand strong during these perilous days!

Guy has been busy with lots of projects at the church. With some help from another man in our church they took an empty space and created another bathroom. We then had linoleum installed in the bathrooms and the hallway, and new carpet installed in the nursery. God blessed us with the flooring company donating the carpet and linoleum and only charging us for the labor.

In July we had the opportunity to travel to the South Island to visit another American missionary. Guy was able to preach in their service and we were able to encourage them in the work of the Lord. It was exciting to see this church, that had been struggling without a pastor for a few years, now thriving and doing great things for the Lord. It was also a great time of fellowship with these fellow missionaries.

Debbie has finished the Bible study on Key Truths for Women and is now starting a new one on Trials. We all go through trials at one time or another, and therefore it is good to look at God's Word and learn how we are to handle them scripturally. She is also taking two young ladies through some studies, and continuing to disciple a young lady with the ABCs of Christian Growth. These studies are so beneficial for Christians in their walk with the Lord.

We are praising the Lord for the Permanent Residence approval for the Tome family. However, it was only granted for the wife and their two children. Please pray that the husband, Santy, will receive his soon so they can be reunited.

The New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Programme (NZBBTP) students have been on a month long break, as a group went to Malawi for a mission's trip. The students have taken this time to raise more money through working, and completing assignments that they received. During this time, Guy took two of our students from Harvest Baptist Church through the New Testament Survey course, since they had missed this class due to chicken pox. Another young man from our church has been busy soul winning, helping with renovations, and being a blessing with any project that Guy has given him. These students start back into their studies on September 12th.

Debbie is training two additional ladies to help with Children's Sunday School and Jr. Church. They are doing a great job! This will enable the workers, that have been serving faithfully for the past three years, to have more breaks and to be able to stay in the Sunday morning services a bit more often.

In August we took a trip to Whangarei (8 hours north) for Guy to be the guest speaker at Calvary Baptist Church's 41st Anniversary. It was great to see the work that has been established there and all the work they are doing. During the service a lady was baptized.

The Masterton work is doing good. We have good unity in the church and are now seeing another couple being faithful to attend each week. The Judd family's support is increasing and we anticipate them getting over here to assist in this work by May of next year.

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

