

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Teen Camp 2016



Child Dedication (Ella)



## **Praises**

● 6 saved ● Canvassing Palmerston North and the Wairarapa with gospel tracks ● Ella Joy Bankston was dedicated to the Lord

## **Prayers**

● Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Outreach ● Brittany's Permanent Residence ● God to call someone to train for Palmerston work. ● Tome family's Permanent Residence to be approved ● Cody, Marigrace, Nicole, Kyle, Limuel and Blue's studies in the NZBBTP this year ● 10-12 seater van for NZBBT Program

Thank you for your continued prayers for us here in New Zealand. We have seen the Lord working and have seen souls saved for His glory!

We started the month of March with the Bible students for a week of New Testament Survey. They were a big help with outreach in Masterton. We spent one Saturday finishing our canvassing of the Wairarapa area which consists of four cities: Masterton, Carterton, Featherston and Greytown. We will now start to go back over the Masterton area, where the new work is located.



In March we received a call from a young lady who we had met several weeks before on the streets, she had a friend that she wanted us to talk to. After talking to him and being assured of his salvation, he asked Guy to start a discipleship course with him. We have also been trying to help the young lady get her life back on track and Debbie helped her put a resume together so she could get some work. Through these two, we were introduced to their friend Haami who Guy was able to share the Gospel and lead him to Christ. Haami has now joined the discipleship course.

Guy had the opportunity to meet the manager of the local bowling center in Palmerston North. The manager started asking Guy questions about God, so Guy presented the Gospel to him and he received Christ as his personal Savior. We are praising the Lord for this young man's decision. Many others at the bowling center have also been seeking to know more about the Lord, and have been asking for prayer. The manager has started discipleship with Guy. What an opportunity the Lord has given us.

The College and Careers & Young Marrieds group is doing well. They really enjoy getting together each month for a devotion/challenge and activity from Logan. We are really seeing spiritual growth in our young adults. The Ladies Fellowship and Men's Prayer Breakfasts are also going well.

A young Pilipino family in our church (Tome's), are awaiting their permanent residence and still need your prayers. The husband's work visa was denied and he had to return to the Philippines. They appeal but this also came back denied. The wife's Permanent Residence, with their two boys, is getting close to being approved. Please pray that they would find favor with New Zealand Immigrations and that their permanent residence would be approved and this family would be reunited. This young family has been a blessing to our church. Guy recently led the husband to the Lord and he was growing in the Lord before he had to leave. The wife has been separated from her family for four months now and they very much want to be reunited.

The Masterton work is going slow, but good. Since we can only have services on Sunday evening, we have lost some who were attending. We are praying that the Judds (missionaries coming to New Zealand), will be here soon to help with this ministry. Once they arrive in New Zealand we will be able to offer Sunday morning and mid-week services, as well as, activities for the men, women and children. Please pray for their missionary support to be raised.

Our granddaughter, Ella Joy Bankston, was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> she turned one years old. It has been a true blessing of the Lord to have her so close to us.

April 25-29<sup>th</sup> our annual Teen Camp was held at Forest Lakes. The preaching was great and we saw four saved during this week. Praise the Lord!

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