

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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12 Seater Van needed for NZBBTP



Old 8 Seater Van



NZBBTP Students



## Praises

- Ella's burns healing - A great Family Camp – NZBBTP students graduating

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Judds to arrive in NZ by May 2017 ● 12 seater van for NZBBT Program ● Church to be completed in time for Erin's wedding.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the ministry here in Palmerston North and Masterton New Zealand.

Our granddaughter, Ella Joy, had an accident with a hot drink that caused 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on her arm and chest area. She was taken by ambulance to Wellington Children's hospital for treatment. We are happy to report that her burns are healing up very nicely. While in the hospital she contacted the MRSA virus (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). The doctors are watching her closely and we are praying that the antibiotics she took has cleared it out of her system.

We had a great Christmas Day service celebrating our Lord and Saviour's birth. We had many visitors, some from some fellowshipping churches, who were in the area on holiday. The next day we left for our annual Family Camp in Hamilton. We had a good group of about 150 campers from all around the North Island. The weather was great, and we enjoyed the week of great preaching and fellowship. We had one of our families from Masterton go for the first time, and they were really blessed by the camp.

On the Wednesday night service of camp, four of the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Programme (NZBBTP) students received their diplomas for completing their studies. Two received their one year certificate and two received their two-year certificates. They gave a video presentation, to encourage other young people to take at least a year to go through the programme before going to university. After the service, we had one young man approach Guy about going through the programme next year. We have had five students from our church go through the programme. Two of them received a one year certificate and two others received a two-year certificate. One of them is continuing on for their two year certificate. Please keep these students and future students in prayer, as they prepare to serve in their local church. One of the students (Cody) has surrendered to full time ministry in the church. He desires to do an internship with us.

Our daughter (Erin) is only a few months away from getting married (March). We would appreciate prayers, on their behalf, for the wedding venue. Her finance (Rundell) is doing a building apprenticeship, where he is in the process of building the church they plan to get married in. Things are going slower than expected and it may not be done in time. They do have another venue booked as a backup, but would like to get married in the church that Rundell helped build and has been attending for many years.

The Judds, who will be helping with the work in Masterton, have been on deputation raising their support (69%). They are praying about being here by end of May this year. Once they arrive, we will be able to add morning services and mid-week Bible Studies. They will be such a blessing to Guy, as well as the people in Masterton. Please pray they raise the needed support by May.

Guy and I had returned to America for a short visit with our family and to see the VA doctor about chest pains Guy has been having for the past three years. After an Echo-Cardiogram and Angiogram, they determined the heart was healthy and that what he has been experiencing is arterial-spasms. They have prescribed a calcium blocker to alleviate this problem. He is feeling so much better. Thank you for all your prayers.

Your continual prayers and support of these ministries is much appreciated. We also want to thank those of you who have given sacrificial to help towards acquiring a van for the NZBBTP. We have raise a little over \$8k of the \$20k needed. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston.

