

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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Praying for a 12 seater van to replace 8 seater van (for NZBBTP)



Harvest Baptist Preachers



## Praises

- Permanent residence for Brittany
- HBC Men overseeing the two works

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth
- Santy's Permanent Residence and reuniting with family in New Zealand
- 12 seater van for NZBBT Program

Thank you for your continued prayers for us here in New Zealand. As many of you have heard the South Island of New Zealand was struck with a 7.8 earthquake last month. Our family and church family are fine, but please pray for those affected having lost their homes or loved ones. Pray that this will bring opportunities to present the Gospel to the Kiwi people.



We are back in the states for a couple of months to deal with some health problems Guy is having, to visit our mothers and to get some much needed rest. Guy has been overseeing two works for the past 1½ years. While we are in America, our son Logan, and several of the men of the church are taking care of the two works. In addition, some of our fellow missionaries and national pastors have taken turns preaching in Palmerston North, as the men from our church are taking turns preaching at the work in Masterton.

My son Logan has been overseeing the two works. He is doing the church finances, Men Prayer Breakfast, College & Career and Young Married fellowships as well as teaching the Adult Sunday School class. Brittany (Logan's wife) assists with preparing for the Men's Prayer Breakfast, does the Church Bulletins, prepares the hymns for service, and leads the ladies fellowship and the nursery. Erin (our daughter), along with others in the church are keeping Children's Sunday School and Children's Church running smoothly. Tim Dann is leading the Wednesday night Bible Study. They are all doing an amazing job!

Guy has been suffering with chest pains for the past 3 years. After 2 trips to the ER in New Zealand, stress tests, chest x-rays, etc., they couldn't find the problem. Upon arriving in the US, Guy had an appointment with the VA clinic (Veteran Affairs). After hearing about the chest pains, they hooked him up to an EKG and immediately sent him to the local ER. After completing several tests, over a period of weeks, they found out that he has arterial spasms. They prescribed him with a calcium blocker that seems to be working. He is now feeling much better. Thank you for the prayers. Since we've been back in the States we have seen one person come to know the Lord as their Saviour. To God be the glory!

While back, we have had time to spend with our mothers. Guy's mom is doing great. Between Guy's VA appointments and medical procedures, we were able to travel with her to see family. Debbie's mom however, has been having some health issues. While in Pennsylvania, we are able to help her get some work done around her home and spend time with her. As we write this letter, she is in the hospital with pneumonia, and we pray she will recover soon. We are so thankful to have this time with our Moms.

We are praising the Lord for the Permanent Residence approval for our daughter-in-law, Brittany. We no longer need to be concerned with her having to leave, due to visa limitations. Thank you for your prayers.

The New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Programme (NZBBTP) students are finishing their school year this December. We are praying for the funds to buy a used 12 seater van to help in their future travels. If you would like to have a part in contributing, please let us know. Thanks for those who have contributed.

Because of our short trip we have not been able to visit many of our supporting churches, but we will be back on furlough in 2018. If you are interested in getting a copy of our video, please let us know and we can put it in a drop box for you to download.

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