

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Cody & Nicole (To Be Married)



Pastor Judd's Servant Heart



## Praises

- One new supporting church ● A young lady saved in Pendleton

## Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Cody's Internship/Wedding ● NZBBTP Van (short \$5k) ● Pastor Judd's recovery from cement burns.

November was a busy time of travelling around beautiful Oregon. We travelled to Hermiston, Summerville, Portland, Salem, Pendleton, Hillsboro and LaPine. It was so Nice to be in many new churches and meet new People along the way. We were so blessed by the Pastors and the people in those churches.



We had one new church take us on for support and praying that others will be able to partner with us as well. To God be the glory!

In Pendleton, Debbie had the privilege to lead a young lady to the Lord. The Pastor had mentioned her to us when we arrived and we prayed that she would return. She did and after the message she came forward. Debbie had the wonderful privilege to take her through the scriptures and she bowed her head and prayed to be saved. Praise the Lord! Please keep this young lady in your prayers. We hear that she has been very faithful in her attendance and is bringing visitors and going through discipleship.

While in the Portland/Salem area we were able to have a wonderful visit with Guy's aunt and uncle. We hadn't seen them for several years and we were able to visit with them for four days which was a blessing.

On the way back to New Zealand we decided to stop in Hawaii for what we hoped would be a little rest before getting back into a very busy schedule. But as you know, Guy has to be busy, so he had the opportunity to preach and present our ministry in two churches. We made some great friends while there and were overwhelmed with the generosity of the people in those churches.

We arrived back in New Zealand on December 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a group waiting for us, which was nice. We immediately started preparing for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and for Christmas. It was great to be back in our church that Sunday and see everyone again. Logan, Brittany, Cody and Nicole did a great job keeping things going while we were on furlough.

Our Candlelight service was well attended. The Sunday School children sang a song together which brought some of their parents. The Gospel was presented and one of the visitors was moved but did not make a decision. We are praying she will soon.

We jumped on board helping Cody and Nicole prepare for their January wedding. We are finishing up their Pre-Marriage Counseling and working late nights to get all the decorations made for the big day. Please keep them in prayer as they seek to honor God in their wedding and be a testimony to others.

On a sad note: Pastor Judd, who is pastoring the second work in Masterton, received 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns from concrete that he laid at our house. He has had skin graft surgery, and everything seems to be healing well. Please keep him in prayer, as he recovers. Doctors are saying it will be a two-year recovery period.

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