

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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Erin, Rundell & Hadassah



Children's Bon-Fire Activity



Ladies Retreat



## **Praises**

- Four new supporting churches ● Two adults who raise their hands for salvation

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Cody's Internship ● NZBBTP Van ● Wisdom for Logan/Cody during our furlough

September started off with our daughter, Erin, her husband Rundell and our granddaughter, Hadassah travelling with us to the West Coast. On the way there, Debbie had to endure a very painful toothache. The church we were visiting in Everett WA, directed us to one of their members who is a dentist. He did an amazing job on Debbie's tooth and we are so grateful for his care. We left Seattle and had a visit with Guy's brother and family in Ellensburg, WA, before heading to Bend OR to see Guy's mom. It was a beautiful drive down through Washington and Oregon and Rundell enjoyed seeing this part of America. After a quick visit with Guy's mom, we headed down to California for a family holiday before Erin and her family returned to New Zealand. We enjoyed seeing the sights of Los Angeles and San Diego. We were able to visit with two churches and their Pastors, that have come to New Zealand and participated in some of our past conferences. We were blessed by Pastor Bruce Goddard's and Pastor Doug Fisher's churches and seeing the ministries that they have in the States. September 20<sup>th</sup>, we said goodbye to Erin and her family until we return at the end of this year.



We spent much of September and October visiting a few new churches as well as some of our supporting churches in Oregon. We have been blessed seeing these churches continue to be faithful to our Lord and Saviour. Debbie was blessed and privilege to speak with the ladies of a Church in Sunriver, OR. She had a great time with these ladies.

The church back in New Zealand has seen an increase in the children's ministries. The children have been faithfully inviting their friends to Sunday School and Junior Church. The leaders (Cody & Nicole) held an outdoor bonfire for the children on September 28<sup>th</sup> and had 18 children attend this activity. There was a devotion given and many of them had s'mores for the first time. They had a great time.

In September Brittany and two of our ladies made the five-hour trip up north to the Ladies Retreat in Hamilton. There were over 100 women in attendance this year. Debbie really missed this retreat, as she has such a good time in fellowship with the ladies and she often is one of the ladies who speaks at the retreat.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Logan & Brittany also had a bonfire activity. This time it was for the young adults, young marrieds and college & career. They roasted marshmallows and had s'mores. Logan gave a devotion with a Gospel message and at the invitation two young people raised their hand for salvation. We praise the Lord for the His working in this group and for Logan & Brittany's heart for them.

We would like to thank the four new churches who have decided to partner with us to take the Gospel to New Zealand. Thank you also to those who have given to purchase a used van for the NZBBTP program. We are still short of about \$5,000 to reach our goal.

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