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Children's Activity



Hadassah's Dedication



New Cambodian Believer



#### **Praises**

• 1 Saved • 7 being discipled • Growth in our SS kids • Great Kids Activity • Granddaughter's dedication

## **Prayers**

• Souls to be saved • Physical and Spiritual Church growth • Cody's Internship • Erin & Brittany's pregnancies

• Logan & Brittany's Deputation

We started off July attending a Family conf. in Taupo. The speakers were Dr. Tony Miller and his wife Jeanette, from the United States. They covered many biblical topics including: Husband and Wife relations, Biblical Counseling, and overcoming anger. A few sessions they split up the



group and Dr. Miller talked to the men, while Jeanette talked to the women.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> we were blessed to be a part of the dedication of our granddaughter, Hadassah Noel, to the Lord. We were invited up to Hamilton (5 hours north), where Guy lead the dedication part of the service. It was a true blessing to see our daughter and son-in-law take this step to dedicate their daughter. Please continue to pray for them as they continue to raise Hadassah for the Lord.

The end of July, Debbie's brother George, his wife Mary Kay and their daughter Elizabeth, came for a visit. We were able to show them around New Zealand, spend some quality time with them, and introduce them to our church family. The time went by fast, but we are thankful for the opportunity for them to be able to see the work that the Lord is doing here in New Zealand.

In August, our intern Cody took eight of our Children's Church kids to the annual Bible Revival in Rotorua. Not only were they blessed by the preaching, but they were also blessed to be able to see two of their dear friends that use to be in their Sunday School Class at Harvest Baptist Church. Cody also hosted a Kids Program with another sister church. It was a great day for the kids with games, puppets, songs, skits and the preaching of the Gospel. We had about four visitors from the community that came to the program.

We have had a young Cambodian man attend our College and Career group for the past year. After hearing the Gospel, he started attending our church services and on August 11<sup>th</sup> he came forward to receive Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord! Guy is now discipling him as well as three others throughout each week.

Our intern Cody, and his wife Nicole, were door knocking when they met a young lady that they shared the Gospel with. She said she was saved but had been away from the Lord. Nicole has since started a weekly discipleship course with her. She came to church once now and brought one of her four children. Please pray that she will continue to come and bring her children. Cody and Nicole are also discipling another young family in our church every week. Cody and Nicole are a blessing from the Lord to us.

In July, Cameron, the Samoan gentlemen who Logan led to Christ back in March and was baptized in April, came forward to present himself for church Membership. What a blessing to see him grow in the Lord and want to be a member of the Local church. Guy is weekly discipling him.

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