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Baptisms



12-seater Van



MTT Group



Praises

- 4 baptised ● 3 being discipled
- Growth in our SS kids ● MTT Group with us ● Purchase of 12 seater van

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Cody's Internship ● Erin/Brittany's pregnancy ● Logan/Brittany's Deputation

May was started off by saying goodbyes to our son, Logan, and his family. It was a sad day but we are excited to see how the Lord is going to use them as they start their deputation. Please be in prayer for their safe travels and for them to raise their support quickly so they can get back to New Zealand and help reach the people here with the Gospel.



After a young Samoan man got saved and a young family joined the church, Guy started discipleship with both groups. He now does discipleship classes three times a week. It is exciting to see the growth in these new Christians and their walk with the Lord.

In May we had the privilege to see four of our young kids in the Children's programme get baptized by our Intern Cody Hireme. Many of these kids have been saved for a few years but had not yet been baptised, but were asking to be. After talking to the parents, who do not attend church, we baptised four of them. It was so neat to see the joy on their faces and seeing their parents attend the service. Please pray for the continued spiritual growth of these young people.

The month of June Cody and I filled in for the Judds while they returned back to the States for a short trip to see a new grandbaby. We took turns every other week to go over to Masterton (70 minutes away) to hold the services each Sunday. It was so nice to see those we had started the work with and also see some new people attend Harvest Independent Baptist Church. To God be the glory!

In May we were able to finally purchase a 12-seat van for the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) and our children's program. Since we only have three students this year in the NZBBTP, we are using the van for the Children's Program as we had been making 3 trips to pick up kids each Friday and Sunday. Now we fill up the van and maybe use our smaller van for a few. It has been a real blessing to the ministry, and we want to thank each one of you that helped us in purchasing the van. May God bless you for your giving.

We had the privilege to have the MTT (Make a Timothy Today Team) come to our church for 5 days. Bro. Bob Landis and his wife have been faithfully taking young people to New Zealand every other year. We hosted all ten of them at our house, which, was a real blessing, but very crowded! The young people on this team really had a heart for missions and reaching the people. There were 5 from the US, 1 from Canada and 2 from NZ. While with us they helped in the Kid's Club, Young Adults, and did hand chimes, special music, and preaching for our church service. They also helped with outreach; the guys did door to door with Cody and the girls did letter-boxing (put flyers in the mail boxes).

On the family front, our daughter Erin is pregnant with their second and due the end of January 2020. Our daughter-in-law, Brittany is also pregnant and due in September. Please keep them in your prayers.

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