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Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide Rally



Progressive Dinner



Family Camp



Praises

- Progressive Dinner attendance 7 being discipled • Great Family Camp
- 3 Finished NZBBTP

Pravers

• Souls to be saved • Physical and Spiritual Church growth • Erin's pregnancy • Logan/Brittany's Deputation • Repeal Euthanasia law

The first of November our church family honored us with a love offering for us to get away for a few days. We had spent the prior two months working late nights doing the kitchen remodel and preparing for our 15-year church anniversary. It was a refreshing time away in the capitol and we even had an opportunity to witness to a lady from Jakarta.



Guy and Cody continue discipling seven people through the ABCs of Christian Living. Guy finished one young man and Cody & Nicole finished two people the end of December. It is a blessing to see the changes in these young Christians, as they study and learn God's Word.

We have had five new people attending our services the past two months. Three are interested in joining the church and have asked Guy to come and talk to them after the New Year. Pray they have, or will, receive Christ as their Saviour, and that they will be interested in being discipled.

We attended a rally, that opposed passing the Euthanasia and assisted suicide bill in Parliament. Leon, who has Cerebral Palsy and is in a wheelchair attended with us, as well as another member of our church. There was a good size crowd there. Some members of Parliament, who are opposed to the bill, came out to encourage us and took time to speak to us. Unfortunately, the bill passed. This is a threat to people like Leon, who has been identified as fitting the bill for Euthanasia or assisted suicide. Please pray as they are going to try to repeal this new law, next election.

We were able to spend Thanksgiving with our daughter Erin, son-inlaw Rundell and our granddaughter Hadassah. We also shared our American Thanksgiving tradition with a few Kiwis, who loved the idea. It was a great time of fellowship and thanking God.

In December, we had our annual Progressive Dinner for the Young Marrieds and College & Career Class. We had three separate families host different portions of the meal, at their home. Two of the families were the ones being discipled. We sang hymns and a devotion was shared for each portion of the meal. One of the families had a relative attend, who heard the Gospel and we are praying for them.

Our daughter, Erin, is quickly approaching her due date, the end of January. On December 22nd, at just 34 weeks, she ended up in the hospital with some bleeding and heavy contractions. They were able to stop the contractions, but she needs to try to hold out until 37 weeks. Please pray for Erin and that all will go well with the delivery of our next grandchild.

The end of December we had our annual Family Camp in Hamilton. There were over 180 people that attended. We had a great time of preaching, fellowship and good food. Three students graduated from the Bible training program and were presented with their certificate at camp. We also have had another address some interested in starting the program this year.

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