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Ladies Retreat 2021



South Island Teen Camp 2021



Praises

- Two salvations at camp ● Four being discipled ● HBC's 17 Year Anniversary ● Gentleman in our church is now cancer free.

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Logan and Brittany's return & Brittany's Visa Approval ● Government's mandates for "No Jab, No Job, Hate Speech and Conversion Therapy law to be overturned.

In September we moved from Level Four lockdown to Level Two. Because of this we were able to have the NZBBTP students come to our house for two-weeks. Guy taught the men and Debbie taught the women. They were a big help in the ministry and were involved in all the children's programs. They gave their testimonies, did some singing specials and were active in our outreach programs. We always look forward to them coming.



The annual Ladies Retreat had to be worked a little differently this year because covid restrictions only allowed for fifty people to gather in one place. Therefore, the hosting church had to setup up two distinct areas divided by a door and separate entrances for each area. This allowed them to break the group up in to two groups of fifty, and broadcast video between the two. None of the ladies from Auckland could attend as they have been in Level Four lockdown since August. Despite all this, God was glorified, and we had an amazing retreat.

A young family joined the church in September. We also had the opportunity to talk to a young lady who has been in a religion that does not believe in a local church assembly. She has been questioning some of the teachings from their elders and was seeking the truth. God led her to our church, where we discovered that she has a personal relationship with the Lord but was in desperate need of discipleship. She has been meeting weekly with Debbie and is really enjoying growing through the Scriptures. Debbie also has another young lady that she disciples weekly. However, this is done via video as she lives two hours away, in Wellington.

In October we attended the South Island Teen Camp and were blessed by it. We were able to see some of the Pastors from the South Island, that we had not seen for years and meet some new ones as well. Debbie and I helped in the kitchen and directed the teens in setting up and cleaning up for each meal. We were blessed by good preaching and seeing two teens accept Christ as their Saviour.

On October 28th Missionary Jerry Judd (pastoring our second work in Masterton) and his wife, Dawn, returned to the States for a short furlough and to see Dawn's mother who has Stage 4 cancer. He will be holding online services for the church in Masterton until our son Logan and his family return to New Zealand. Pray for Logan and his family as they continue to transition to New Zealand. Pray also for them, as they work their way through the quarantine process and then the Masterton work. Please also pray for Dawn's mother, and the Judd's furlough.

Many of our church members are facing losing their jobs due to the Prime Minister's "No Jab, No Job" policy with the COVID vaccination. The people are rising-up with peaceful rallies in opposition to these mandates. I believe we all have some serious trials ahead of us.

On October 17th, we celebrated 17 years of Harvest Baptist Church in Palmerston North. Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston