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Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study



Granddaughter (Lilia) Trusted Jesus



Praises

- Giles discharged from hospital
- Finished Bible Study with young ladies
- Started a new Bible Study with Masterton ladies
- Our granddaughter, Lilia, got saved

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Continued Discipleship classes
- More people to join the church
- Webpage design
- Ladies Retreat
- Teen Camp in April

God's Word does not go out void. In November, while the NZBBTP students were with us, we distributed over 4,000 John & Romans with invitations to the church. In January, a couple that received one of those invitations started attending our church. They have been faithfully coming and Guy has started discipling the gentleman. Please pray for his growth; he is a new Christian.



Giles, a member of our church, had been in the hospital since the beginning of November last year. He underwent surgery, to hopefully stop the terrible pain that he had been suffering. The surgery was successful and after going through some physical therapy he was discharged from the hospital the beginning of February. It is nice to have him back in church.

In January, Debbie finished discipling the young ladies that she was working with. They grew a lot through the program. Guy is still discipling two teens in our church, and we both are discipling a couple from our first church plant. We are halfway through the program, and we are seeing much growth. Please keep these individuals in prayer as we continue discipleship.

In February, Debbie was able to start a Ladies Bible Study. They are going through the study, "Trials – Don't Resent Them As Intruders". These ladies are really enjoying the lessons. Debbie is picking up a few of the ladies in Masterton and driving them an hour away to a member's house, who cannot get to Masterton for the lessons. She has never been able to participate, so Debbie thought she would bring the ladies to her.

Every Wednesday night we have Bible study and prayer. The church hosts a meal a half hour before service and then we go into our lesson and finish with prayer. This has brought more people in on Wednesday nights and they are enjoying it. Recently, we have been doing a survey through the Old Testament. There are historical images, which even the youth enjoy.

Guy has had good attendance at the monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. We also have a monthly youth activity with three other like-minded churches, which is going great! In February one of the churches, two hours away, held a Youth Rally that we were able to take two of our teenagers to. The teens were challenged to continue to serve the Lord with their lives.

As we look ahead, please pray for our Ladies Retreat. We started this two years ago and currently have four churches that attend. Debbie, along with two other ladies, will be speaking on the Proverbs 31 Woman. In April, we will have our annual Teen Camp near Hamilton (6 hours north of us). We will be taking two teens to this activity. This is a weeklong camp and there will be some who are not saved. Please pray for souls to be saved and for teens to commit to serving the Lord.

Guy has been asked to begin Pre-Marital Counseling with a couple that were in our youth group way back in the day. He has also been asked to officiate their wedding, but we need a few more church members to register as an Organizational Celebrant. These youth grow too fast. 😊

Thank you for your continual prayers, support, and notes of encouragement. God bless, Your Missionaries to New Zealand: Guy and Debbie Bankston