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Youth Camp 2026



Ladies Retreat 2026



Grandson (Hunter) Received Christ



Praises

- Decisions at Teen Camp
- 3 Saved
- Discipleship
- NZBBTP Classes
- Our grandson getting saved
- Ladies Retreat

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Discipleship classes
- More people to join the church
- Winter Family Camp (July)
- Outreach in our city and nearby cities

It is exciting when young people decide to serve the Lord with their lives. We are blessed this year to have five new students enrolled to start the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Programme (NZBBTP). The first part of March we hosted them for two weeks while Guy taught them Computer Essentials and Speech. It was great to get to know these students and to see their heart. They served in the church wherever they were needed and helped us distribute 500 John/Romans and invitations to our church. They were a real blessing to our people.



Debbie continues with her Ladies Bible Study in the Upper Hutt area of Wellington. The lady NZBBTP students were able to join our ladies in this study and really enjoyed it. Our ladies are excited to continue travelling over with Debbie and are growing with this study.

In March we had the privilege of hosting a Pastor and his wife from Michigan, at our house, for a few days. They came over to visit some of the churches and Pastors here and also to attend a conference in Rotorua. We were blessed with the time that we had with them.

We ended March with an annual Ladies Retreat, where four churches came together for a couple days. Harvest Baptist Church in Palmerston North started this retreat a couple years ago. More of our ladies attend this retreat because it is closer to home and not a 5-6 hour drive to the big Ladies Retreat in September. Debbie was able to take two other ladies with her this year. We saw about 40 women join us for a sweet time of fellowship, worship and hearing God's Word on the Virtuous Women. Debbie spoke in one of the sessions where she focused on our words and how they affect people for the good or bad.

April saw us take two teenagers to the annual Teen Camp. The teens look forward to attending each year. We had about 110 teenagers from several churches on the North and South Islands. Pastor Kevin Swarga from Bible Baptist Church in Terre Haute, Indiana was our guest speaker. The teens were challenged and convicted by the messages on "Setting our Hope in God". At the end of camp, we had fifty teens come forward making decisions to get their relationship with Christ right, get rid of ungodly music and a few young men came forward to say that God had called them to preach. There were three that received Christ as Savior. We praise the Lord for these decisions. Thank you for your prayers for this camp.

We had another great blessing in our family last month when our six-year-old grandson, Hunter, called upon the Lord to be his Saviour. He was so excited after making that decision and he is now asking people if they know Jesus. It's so exciting seeing our grandchildren accepting Christ.

Guy is continuing his discipleship with two teens and a man who is a new Christian attending our church. We will also be starting pre-marital counseling next month with two young adults that were in our church in Palmerston North and are getting married in August.

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