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## **Pastors Round Table**



**NZBBTP Students**



**Mother's Day Lunch**



## **Praises**

- NZBBTP Students with us
- Good Mother's Day service
- Pre-Marriage Counselling & Discipleship
- Round Table with other pastors
- Voted to support two missionaries

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved
- Continued Discipleship classes
- NZBBTP classes in September
- Opportunity to hand out free Bibles
- Outreach in the city
- Guy – Officiating a wedding in August.

It's been a busy couple of months and the year is flying by fast. We started the month of May off with six NZBBTP students (New Zealand Baptist Bible Programme). They were with us for three weeks studying Eschatology. Our church family looks forward to having the students as they are always a big help with outreach, children ministries and occasionally one of the men will preach. This time they helped us get hundreds of invitations with the Gospel message out into the community. Students return in Sept.



On Mother's Day we had a special service to honor the mothers, and we gave them each a small gift. After the morning service, the men of the church cooked and served them lunch. The ladies really enjoyed their special time. We had one visiting mother who stayed for lunch, but has not returned.

The end of May Pastor Logan and his family, who we are working with in Masterton, returned from their four-month furlough. They were greatly missed by all, and we are glad to have them back.

Guy has been continuing his discipleship with one of the men in our church and we have started doing Pre-Marriage Counselling with a couple who are getting married in August. Please pray for Debbie's Ladies Bible Study as they have been unable to meet for the past couple months due to sickness. They are praying that they will be able to start up again soon.

Also in May, several Independent Baptist pastors got together in Hamilton for a Round Table discussion. They discussed several ideas on how to more effectively reach New Zealand for Christ and plant Bible believing, Gospel preaching, Baptist churches. One pastor has been handing out free Bibles with a tract to anyone that comes and talks to them. They set up a van by the side of the road with a big "Free Bibles" flag beside them. This has been very successful for them. We've talked to them about getting Bibles so we can start one also. They are expecting a shipment in soon and each Bible will be \$2.50, which will help with the shipping. We are looking forward to getting started on this project. They also discussed an additional Bible Institute curriculum for those in the church who cannot attend the NZBBTP because of work or having a family. This would be a strictly video program.

At the end of May we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we discussed and voted to take on two missionaries. One is a young lady, who went through the NZBBTP and is working with the Aboriginals in Australia. The other one is a new church plant on the South Island in the little city of Fairlie.

When we turned over the church in Palmerston North to Pastor Hireme, in May 2025 after 22 years, they gave us a generous gift to take a short holiday to Australia, which included airfare. We flew over to Sydney at the end of June. It was a first-time we have received such a gift and we are very grateful. Needless to say, we got some much-needed rest before heading back to our ministry in New Zealand. We witnessed to a few while on holiday. Please pray that God opens their heart.

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