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My Son Preaching at Youth Camp



New NZBBTP Students



Praises

- Salvations/decisions at Teen Camp
- Returning visitors ● Still allowed to outreach ● Masterton church found new meeting place.

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Brittany's Resident Visa Approval ● Hate Speech and Conversion Therapy laws to be overturned.

We had an interesting start to the month of March, with most of our church testing positive for COVID (Omicron). We had to cancel services for the next week, but by the following Sunday everyone was fine again. Only a few people did not get sick. This complicated things for the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program, as we were scheduled to host the students for the three weeks that Guy was meant to teach them. He ended up doing two of the classes over Zoom and then rearranged the schedule so that we could have them for one week at our church. Many of the students also came down with Omicron during the same month, but not from us.



Our son-in-law, Rundell, lost his job (like many people who worked at City Council), due to not taking the COVID shots. They ended up moving down with us, while he looked for a job. He was able to find one in our town and so now they are living much, much closer to us. They attend our church and are a real blessing to us all.

In April we were notified that a long-time member of our church had died. Paul was always a blessing to our church but moved back to his hometown eight months prior, to be near some family. His friends contacted us and said that he had a stroke, and it was found that he had cancer. Guy had the privilege to do the funeral. The Gospel was given, and we pray that the seed will take root.

In April we had our annual Teen Camp. This year's camp was smaller due to some parents not allowing their kids to come because of COVID. Despite that, this was one of the best camps we have been to. The spirit of the camp was amazing, and we saw 5 teenagers accept Christ as their Savior and many decisions were made. Two young men made decisions to join the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program. Which is a blessing, as we need more men surrendering to serve the Lord.

We have seen several visitors coming these past two months, that are returning. A single dad and his teenage son have been looking for a church that preaches the Gospel and has hymns. We also have a single mom and her three kids attending. She had never been in church before, but the father got saved and wanted them to be in church. Please pray that they will continue to come and that we will be able to disciple them.

In April our church voted to do a couple projects. We will be working to take an old garage on the property and turning it into another Sunday School room. Our teenagers have no room to hold a Sunday School class, so this will be a big help. We also will be purchasing a shed and lawn mower to help keep the grounds in order and allow other men to help Guy with this job.

Our discipleship program continues to be going well. Debbie is still working with two ladies that do not attend our church and we have three others in the church that are discipling some attending the church.

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