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Baptisms in Masterton



Ladies Retreat 2025



Praises

● Visitors ● Discipleship ● Great Ladies Retreat ● The Palmerston North Church Transition ● Four baptized ● John & Romans distribution outreach

Prayers

● Souls to be saved ● Continued Discipleship classes ● More people to join the church ● Webpage design ● Noah to get a Doctor ● New Bible Study with the women in Masterton

We started the month of September off with a sad and then a happy occasion. On the 3rd we attended the funeral of one of our member's brother who died. Our son, Logan, did the funeral and the Gospel was clearly given. Another brother of the same member is also suffering from cancer, and has since asked Logan to come and talk to him. Please pray that the seed planted will take hold. A few days later we celebrated Father's Day. One of the young kids read a poem for father's and then each father received a small gift.



Also, in September the ladies attended the annual Ladies Retreat in Hamilton. This event is always looked forward to by so many from the North and South island. There were about 150 ladies this year: the biggest retreat to date. The theme was "Stand Still and see the salvation of the Lord" Exodus 14:13. We heard some encouraging messages from six ladies that blessed us greatly.

In October, we had four young people get baptized. Two of those were our granddaughters, Ella and Emma. We also had two teen boys, who had gotten saved while attending teen camp. They have been coming faithfully to church for several years and are being disciplined now. It was so good to see these young people take that step of obedience to the Lord in baptism.

October marked Harvest Baptist Church's 21st-year anniversary in Palmerston North. We were not able to attend, but they had a great service and a church lunch afterwards. Pastor Cody is doing a great job, and they are seeing new visitors come most weeks.

We're also seeing visitors coming to the church in Masterton. One Filipino couple, that have been coming now for almost two months, are working towards their Residency. Once received it will enable them to bring their five children over. Please pray with us, that they will get their Residency and be able to bring their children over next year. We also have had a family of seven come several times now. Please pray, that our outreach will continue to produce fruit and see growth in the church. We have the freedom to put material into mailboxes, so we have been weekly distributing John & Romans along with a personal invitation. Again, please pray that we will see some more fruit from our labors.

Discipleship and Bible studies, back in Palmerston North, continue to be something Debbie & I are continuing with. Guy has been discipling a young man and we are both discipling a young couple, that we led to the Lord and Guy officiated their wedding last year. Debbie is continuing her Bible Study with three young ladies on "Contentment". She only has a few lessons left and then she will begin a ladies Bible study here in Masterton.

In October our daughter Erin and her family moved back to Hamilton (6 hours away from us). They are trying to get little Noah & Jeremiah into the healthcare system. Noah desperately needs his heart valve, and his iron levels checked. The waiting list is long to get a family doctor.

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