

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## **Kitchen Renovations (Before & After)**



15 Year Anniversary Sunday



Two Baptized



## **Praises**

- 2 Saved ● Discipling 7 ● 2 Baptisms
- Great Ladies Retreat ● 15 Year Ann. Service for Harvest Baptist Church ● New grandson (Hunter Evan Bankston)

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual growth ● Erin's pregnancy ● Logan & Brittany's deputation travels

September started with Debbie teaching a two week class for the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program. She took three young ladies through the study of Women's Ministries. They covered the role of women in the church as well as all aspects of being a Pastor's wife. The students received hands-on opportunities, in teaching Children's Church and Friday Night CIA (Champions In Action) Program. They were a blessing to us.



In July, a Chinese man and his son started attending church. He was very intent in learning and hearing from the Word of God. Unfortunately, his Working Visa ran out and he was told he needed to return to China. Guy had the opportunity to present the Gospel to him and he received Christ as his personal Saviour. The night before he left for China, he was baptized along with a Cambodian man who had received Christ the month prior. Praise the Lord! Could you please pray for the Chinese man, that he would get a new working visa to return to NZ with his family. Guy has been discipling the Cambodian man.

Debbie took three young ladies to the Ladies Retreat this year. This was the biggest retreat in years with 132 ladies from Independent Baptist churches from all areas of New Zealand. It was good to gather with these ladies, to worship the Lord.

The Sunday after the Ladies Retreat, we had two young ladies attend our morning service. One lady comes occasionally, and she brought her friend who wanted to talk to us after the services. She was dealing with spiritual oppression and wanted us to pray with her. We took her to the Bible and presented her with the Word of God. She bowed her head and put her trust in Jesus, asking Him to save her. Praise the Lord! Please pray that she will start discipleship classes with Debbie.

In September/October Guy worked on a much-needed remodeling of our church kitchen, in preparation for the 15 Year Anniversary of Harvest Baptist Church in Palmerston North. They were long days, but it was finished in time. We had been preparing for many weeks for this day; by inviting people, canvassing the surrounding area and preparing specials for the services. Pastor Fraser, a National Pastor from Whangarei, preached three amazing messages. A few from the church plant in Masterton, came over to join us for the luncheon and the final services. We were truly blessed to have 83 people attend this special day. To God be the glory!!

September 19<sup>th</sup> our newest grandbaby, Hunter Evan Bankston, was born in Florida. God had His hand on Brittany and Hunter as there were some complications, but he is a very healthy and happy little guy and Brittany is also doing well, no problems. At the age of 5 weeks Hunter began traveling with his family, who are presently on deputation raising support to be missionaries to New Zealand. Although we won't be able to see him in person for a while, we are very thankful for being able to see him through video conferencing across the internet. We are blessed!

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support of these ministries. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston