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Special Service for Logan & family



Newest Grandbaby – Lilia Kathlin



Praises

- Seven visitors • safe delivery of baby Lilia • New Teen Sunday School Class • 3 NZBBTP students

Prayers

- Souls to be saved • Physical and Spiritual Church growth • Logan & Brittany's Deputation • Repeal of Euthanasia law

In January, God brought in several new visitors to church that have continued to attend services. We have had four visitors from Asia and one young man from the island of Tuvalu. The young man attends the local university studying to be a pilot. He has since brought two of his friends, from university, that are also from Tuvalu. We are witnessing to them and hope to lead them to Christ and disciple them in the near future. We also have had a Kiwi couple start attending our services. They have been attending a sister church a hour away, but the travel got to be too much for them. They have been faithful in their attendance and we are praying that they will join the church soon.

January 21st our daughter, Erin, gave birth to a little girl, Lilia Kathlin Lopez. She was 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Her delivery this time, after all the drama during the pregnancy, went very smooth and we are praising the Lord. Debbie was able to be up there for the birth and to help take care of their other daughter, Hadassah. Mother and baby are doing very well.

Brittany's sister (Marigrace), who had spent a year attending the New Zealand Baptist Bible Program, got married here in New Zealand February 15th. Logan, Brittany and the kids flew back for this special occasion. It was so good to finally meet our grandson, Hunter, who was almost 5 months old. It was also great to see our other two granddaughters as well as Logan and Brittany. While they were here, Logan had the opportunity to be in two different church in the Auckland area for support. After the wedding we had the privilege to bring Brittany's family (9 in total), with Logan's family (5 more) down to Palmerston North for a few days. While they were here, we had a special service to encourage them before returning to America. There were a few others that joined us that came from the second work we start in Masterton. We had dinner and then a question and answer time for Logan and Brittany. The people were so excited to see them again and found out a little more about what being a missionary on deputation is like.

Cody (our intern) started a Teen Sunday School class in February. He is taking them through the ABCs of Christian Growth, to form a good foundation for the class. We have three young people move into that class from our Jr. Church. Please pray for this adjustment. Guy has started teaching the Adult Sunday School class again, as Cody was doing that this past six months.

The new school year, for the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP), started on 15 February. We have one returning student and two new students. Guy will be teaching classes every term with his first class starting on 10 March. We are excited to see the program continue to produce young people who are serving in the ministry or helping in their local church. Please pray for these students.

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

