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Outreach To Local Rest Home



Heritage/Family Camp



Praises

One salvation • Two new missionaries • Great Heritage (Family) Camp • Erin & Rundell expecting another child.

Prayers

Guy's health (Thyroid & Fatigue) • Souls to be saved • Logan & Brittany's deputation • Youth Camp in April • Guy's preaching at a Youth conference the end of January • Spiritual & physical growth in the church • Our Intern Cody • NZBBTP starting back up in February

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Even though 2020 was a difficult year with the COVID virus and lockdown for several months, our God is always faithful and He blessed in many ways. Our church stayed strong through the crisis and we even saw visitors come and stay when we were able to meet again after our lockdown.



In November we had a young man from the island of Tuvalu receive Christ as his personal savior. He had been coming to our church for almost a year, while he was attending flight school here in Palmerston North. Our intern, Cody, started meeting once a week with him going verse by verse through the book of John. Finally, after one of their sessions, he bowed his head and asked Jesus to be his Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord! Please pray, as Cody will begin discipleship with him as soon as he returns from flight school summer break.

At the end of November Guy filled in for a Pastor in Auckland, who went back to the States for a short furlough. We had an opportunity to minister to a group of Asian and Kiwi people. They have a true hunger for the word of God. We were also able to visit a lady whose husband, from the church, had a stroke and was in the hospital. She is not saved and has not been attending the church with her husband. Please pray that she recognizes her need for Jesus; for peace and salvation.

In December a small group from our church went to a nursing home to sing Christmas Hymns and share the gospel message. We had the room packed with over 60 residents. They really enjoyed the hymns and we had opportunities to witness to several of them. Pray for fruit.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service was amazing. We sang several Christmas hymns and Guy encourages the people to let their light shine and to use every opportunity to give out the Gospel in the new year. We were blessed with a visit from a family, whose kids were in our church's children program for 7 years. They surprised us by driving an hour just to attend our services.

Because the people in our church were willing to get involved with Faith Promise Giving, we were able to vote to take on 2 new missionaries and increase the support of our other missionaries. We now support 8 missionaries. We were so excited to see the people step out on faith and give to see the Gospel spread.

We finished the year with our annual Heritage (Family) Camp that several like-minded churches attend. We had a great turnout with over 150 people in attendance. A great start to the New Year. In addition, we have found out that our daughter (Erin) is expecting another child! 😊

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