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New Creche Building



20 Year Church Anniversary



Ladies Retreat



Praises

Visitors • Discipleship • 20 Year Church Anniversary • One saved • Ladies Retreat • Father's Day activities • New creche building completed

Prayers

Souls to be saved • Discipleship classes • People to join the church • Men's Prayer Advance • Christmas activities • Helping with work in Masterton • New Church Plant 2025

September and October were very busy Months for us, and God blessed in many ways. We started off the month of September with a Father's Day golf outing on Saturday. Many of the fathers attend church the next day, and we had a gift for each of them. The children sang a special song for their fathers.

The next weekend we hosted our first ever Ladies Retreat. We usually go five hours north to an interchurch retreat with several churches from the North and South Island, but this year it was not being offered. We rented a Christian camp about 40 minutes away and had about twenty ladies attend. It was a wonderful retreat with several first-time retreaters.

Guy just finished teaching "New Testament Survey" in the New Zealand Baptist Bible Program. It was a four-week class. There were five students and they were a blessing to our church. While they were here, they helped in most of the church ministries, as well as helped with building the new creche (nursery). They also helped some families in the church with work around their homes. The five students are on their last semester of classes and will finish their first year on December 13th. Four of the five students are planning on returning next year, and we have at least one more student joining them.

The beginning of September the Judds went on a short furlough for twelve weeks. Debbie & I as well as Pastor Cody are taking turns going over to Masterton to help Pastor Logan with the church services. It has been a blessing seeing the people there again (our 2nd work). Please pray for the Judd's travels in the States and for our travel back and forth to Masterton. They will be returning to New Zealand on December 10th.

On October 13th the church in Palmerston North celebrated its 20-year Anniversary. It was a wonderful day with a guest speaker, special music, and gifts for all. We had our grand opening of the new creche, and a church luncheon afterwards. The church was filled to capacity, and we had several visitors. After the service, Guy spoke to a man that had come for the baptism of his daughter back in July. After hearing the Gospel, he prayed and trusted in Christ to save him! During the luncheon, Guy gave his testimony of salvation, how the church was started and then he announced that we were turning the work over to Pastor Cody next October (2025) and are praying about starting a third work here in New Zealand. Many people were sad that we were leaving, but we encouraged them to support Pastor Cody. Pastor Cody has been with our church for over nine years and was ordained and called as the assistant Pastor in 2023. He is doing a great job, and we are confident that he is ready to take on this work.

Please continue to pray for our daughter Erin. As many of you know she is carrying twin boys. As we write this prayer letter she is 34 weeks, and the doctors would like to see her make it to 37 weeks (19 November). It is their desire to have the twins naturally. So please pray to that end.

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support. God bless,
Your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston

