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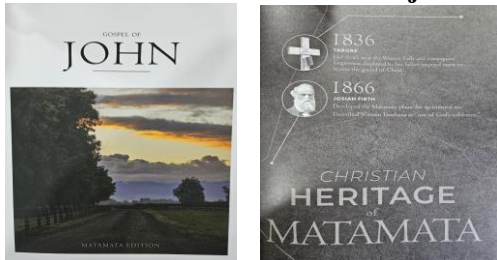
Winter Camp



Bible Revival



Matamata's Outreach Project



Praises

- NZBBTP Students with us
- Pre-Marriage Counselling
- Wedding
- Discipleship
- Winter Camp
- Bible Revival

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Continued Discipleship classes
- NZBBTP classes in September & October
- Ladis Retreat in September
- Outreach in the city

Several years ago, we started holding a Winter Camp each July where families come together and hear good and encouraging preaching and a great time of fellowship with other believers. After we turned the work in Palmerston North over to Pastor Cody, he continued holding Winter Camp and this year's camp was a real blessing. Pastor Dan Fraser from Tauranga NZ came and preached. His theme was "Stability in Times of Uncertainty" where he preached through the book of Ruth. Guy and I had the opportunity to do all the cooking again this year. We had a great turnout with families from four different like-minded churches attending.



Also, in July the annual Bible Revival was held in Hamilton NZ. There were over 300 people in attendance from around New Zealand. We heard encouraging and convicting messages from three different pastors. During this revival, we were informed about a project that is being put into motion. This project will be called, "The Mark Project". One of the churches, in Matamata, put together a beautiful book for their church that had pictures from around the city and contained the Gospel of John. Since the history of New Zealand shows that the first book that came to the country was the Book of Mark, the new project will create a book with pictures from around NZ that will contain the Book of Mark as well as the well-known story of a Moari girl named Tarore, who was killed and her Book of Mark taken. Our group of Independent Baptist Churches will help with donations for this project and when done this book will be distributed to use as an outreach tool in door-knocking. Please pray for this project and that we will be able to get it done and printed by the beginning of next year.

We have been going through Pre-marriage Counseling for the last few months. In August, Guy had the privilege of performing the wedding for a sweet couple that grew up in our church in Palmerston North and were in our Youth Group. It was a very beautiful wedding and very God honoring. It's such a blessing to see the young people that we worked with through the years, come together in a beautiful ceremony to join them together as husband and wife.

We also started discipling another young couple in August. They started coming to our church a few months ago. Guy is continuing to disciple one of the men in our church and Pastor Logan is discipling two young teenage boys. Please pray for these that are being discipled.

Our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfasts have been changed to a Men's Prayer Luncheon, since one of the men, who has to catch a train, could not make it in time for breakfast. This has been working well, and the men go out on outreach afterwards. The ladies have not been able to meet for their monthly Bible Study for a while, due to sickness (it's winter here), so this month we just met for a time of being encouraged through a devotion, good food and a great craft time. The ladies seemed to enjoy their time together.

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