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Last Sunday at Harvest Baptist Church



Winter Family Camp



Praises

● Visitors ● Discipleship ● 3 joined the church ● Great Winter Family Camp ● Transitioning of the work in Palmerston North to Pastor Cody ● Church plant in Masterton

Prayers

● Souls to be saved ● Continued Discipleship classes ● More people to join the church ● Webpage design ● Training opportunities in Masterton ● A new Bible Study for the women

May was a very busy month, and we saw the Lord move in great ways. We started off the month with three people joining the church. Then on May 7th the church voted to have Cody Hireme be their new Pastor. Mother's Day was our last day at the church in Palmerston North. Cody preached the message, the men prayed over Cody and his wife, and they presented us with flowers and gifts. We had a Mother's Day luncheon following the morning service which was a blessed event. There were 77 in attendance that Sunday. It was sad leaving such a great group of believers, but we know this is God's plan. We're confident that Cody & Nicole will do a great job. The church is now established as a truly indigenous church. Praise the Lord!



"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8. We were preparing to start a new church plant after transitioning the work over to Pastor Cody, later this year, but the Lord had different plans. The church plant (in Masterton), that we had started in 2015, had their Pastor resign and move to America. This put the church plant in a position of having no workers and a hand full of believers. Several in the church, either moved or left because their Pastor had left. My son Logan, his wife Brittany and their five small children needed help with the ministries. As many of you know, we have been praying about two different locations to start a new church plant, but the Lord was not giving us a clear answer as to which one to go to. Now we know that it was because we were needed in Masterton, to help with the church plant there. Please pray for us as we look to co-laboring with Logan, to help this new church get established and grow. Our first Sunday in Masterton was May 18th. We look forward to seeing the great things that God will do with this new work. Please pray for wisdom, Logan and the church plant in Masterton.

June 7th Guy had the privilege of officiating the marriage of two young people at Harvest Baptist Church in Palmerston North. Debbie has taken the wife through discipleship classes and Guy has taken them through pre-marital counselling. It was a blessed day, and these two are now serving faithfully together at Harvest Baptist Church.

On June 13th Pastor Bob Reed, from Bible Baptist Church in Ft. Mill, SC, arrived in NZ to be our guest speaker at our annual Winter Family Camp. We were blessed with great messages on "Help for the Christian Home". It was a great turn out with three different churches attending. We had a great time of fellowship with Pastor Reed and really appreciated him taking the time to come and see the two works we started, and to be an encouragement to us during these transitional periods.

Also in June, Logan hosted the monthly Teen Group activity with four like-minded churches. Logan gave the devotion and ran games for the activity. He had two teenagers from the church in Masterton attend.

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