



The Bankston Family to New Zealand

Praises

- 1 Teen saved at Camp
- 2 Teens being disciplined.
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Prayer Requests

- Souls to be Saved
- Furlough February 2026

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Greetings from New Zealand,

Wow! April–June has flown by. I feel like I haven't had a chance to catch my breath. As I mentioned in the previous prayer letter, the missionary family we were working alongside felt God was calling them to another ministry back in America. As a result, we worked hard to prepare the church for their departure. The Judds (our co-laborers) left on May 12th, and the fun began. Satan loves to attack churches during vulnerable times. We had a few disgruntled members, but eventually, by the grace of God, everything worked out for His honor and glory.

One exciting event that has happened is that my parents trained a man in their church in Palmerston North to become the pastor. In May, they handed over the work to the new pastor. They were looking to plant a new church, but before doing so, God led them to take some time and partner with us in the church plant here in Masterton. We are so incredibly thankful that God has done this, as there were many gaps in the church that my wife and I couldn't fill on our own, and there was no one else able to serve in those areas.

Thank you for praying for Teen Camp. It was a very successful camp. We had more teens this year than we have had in the last several years. Several teens got saved, including one from our church! Praise the Lord! He was one of our 'bus kids' who have been coming to church. I have had the opportunity to begin discipling him and his brother. Please continue to pray for our bus kids, that they will remain faithful in their church attendance and allow God to grow them.

In addition to the monthly inter-church teen activities we have with three other churches, we also had the yearly Winter Family Camp. It was an incredible blessing to our family and the other families as well. We had great preaching, fellowship, and, of course, good food.

I have attached some photos of our family van on the next page. One day, as I went to pull out of our driveway onto the busy state highway we live on, the van's engine suddenly lost all power. I found myself crawling at a snail's pace down the highway. It turns out a rat had decided to make a home between the engine and the engine cover. He had feasted on various wires and tubing. Praise the Lord, the insurance covered the repairs, less the deductible.

Thank you for continuing to support our family through your faithful prayers and giving.

Logan, Brittany, Ella, Emma, Hunter, Fisher, and Makenna Bankston

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Rat Attacked the Van's Engine



Kid's Singing at Family Winter Camp



Family Winter Camp 2025



Bankston Kid's Singing



Family day at the park.



Teen Camp 2025