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NZBBTP Student Special



NZBBTP One Year Certificate



Grandchildren Special



Praises

● Visitors ● Discipleship ● NZBBTP students here for classes ● The Palmerston North church is doing well. ● Granddaughter's salvation

Prayers

● Souls to be saved ● Continued Discipleship classes ● More people to join the church ● Webpage design ● Upcoming Teen Activity ● A new Bible Study for the women

Our transition to the ministry in Masterton is going well. We've been going back and forth these past few months as we get our housing set up. We have continued a few discipleship and Bible studies in Palmerton North, our first work, while transitioning. It's hard leaving after 21 years, but our second work in Masterton is where the Lord wants us to be.



Debbie's Bible Study with three young ladies is going very well. They are doing a study on Contentment. The ladies are really enjoying it and we can see fruit from the study. We are still discipling a young couple, who Guy officiated their wedding last year in December. The husband had moved to Australia for a short period of time for work, but he has returned, and we have started back up again. We can see this young couple growing a lot in their walk with the Lord.

In August our church in Masterton hosted the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program students. We have five students this year, but only four were with us. One of the students went on a missions trip to Zambia with her home church. Brittany (our daughter-in-law) taught the students Music Theory and Choral Conducting. They did very well in their classes and were a big help in our ministries. They taught Sunday School for the children, helped in the creche/nursery, two of the young men preached and they did a special. Guy was able to present two of the students with their completion of the one-year NZBBTP Certificate. They are now second year students.

Some of our ladies will be attending the annual Ladies Retreat in Hamilton, six hours north of us. Please pray for this event. It is always a blessing to hear good messages from the Bible and be encouraged by other Christian women here in New Zealand. We have been praying that a few more of the ladies in our church will make the trip with us.

We are planning later this year to start a Bible Study with several of the ladies who are attending our church in Masterton. We want to hold the study about an hour away, on the other side of the Remutaka Mountain Range, where one of the church families has been traveling every Sunday and Wednesday to attend our church. There is another family that has come over a few times with them, who we are praying will join us.

Please pray for a few other things that we will be working on in the next few months. We will be working with a lady from our last church in rebuilding our church website. She did this for the Palmerston North Church and they are still receiving fruit from it. We will also be hosting a teen activity for our teen group with three other like-minded churches.

As grandparents we are always praying for the salvation of our eleven beautiful grandchildren. We were so happy in July when our seven-year-old granddaughter, Hadassah, came to know the Lord as her Saviour. Two of our other granddaughters, Ella and Emma who have already received Jesus, are planning on being baptized in October. To God be the glory.

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