

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## Youth Camp



NZBBTP Students at Camp



## Baptisms



## Praises

• Great Teen Camp • Two baptisms • One Salvation • Good classes with the NZBBTP • Guy's Health • Debbie's discipleship with a young lady

## Prayers

• Souls to be saved • Logan & Brittany's Deputation • 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Camp in July • Two men going through cancer

The first part of March we had the six New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Program students with us for three weeks. The first week another Pastor and his wife from the South Island flew up to teach English Grammar. The remaining weeks Guy taught Computer Applications and Essentials and Speech 101. The students were a real blessing to us and helped in all the ministries and in outreach/soul winning. The people in the church stepped up and had the students each night for dinner at their house, which helped us out.



In our last Prayer letter, we mentioned that Guy's health had been bad and we were meeting with an Endocrinologist. He reviewed Guy's tests and records and concluded that he was going through a Thyroid Storm that was bad. After he had been on Beta Blockers for about 3 weeks, he started to feel a little better and by the end of March his thyroid test showed that the thyroid was back to functioning properly. Guy is feeling so much better and is back to himself again. Thank you all for your prayers!

We had a baptism in March and another one in April. In March we had a young Filipino man that had gotten saved in the Philippines before coming to New Zealand. He had never gotten baptized, so he was eager to get baptized here. Guy had the privilege to baptize him. In April, a young man that our intern, Cody, was discipling and was able to lead to the Lord, also wanted to get baptized. Cody had the blessing of baptizing him. Both baptisms were done in the river. To God be the glory!!

The end of April we held our annual Youth Camp. There were over 100 teens in attendance for the weeklong camp. Because of COVID and not being able to fly in a special speaker, each of the Pastors took turns preaching the messages with the theme of "Pressing Toward The Mark". The spirit at camp was sweet and we saw more than half of the teens come forward to commit their lives to whatever the Lord was calling them to do with their life. There was one young lady who received Christ and one who come forward to start attending the NZBBTP. Two of the NZBBTP students were presented with a one-year certificate.

Please keep in prayer two young men who have just been diagnosed with cancer. One young man had been in our church for years and was a good friend of our son, Logan. He now lives in Wellington, for his job. He just had surgery and is recovering from that. We haven't heard if he'll need further treatment or not. Another young man is in our church and has a cancerous tumor behind his nose and in a gland in his neck. He has started chemo and radiation and will continue until June/July.

Debbie is continuing to disciple a young lady in the ABCs of Christian Growth and they are doing really well. We also continue with our Young Adults/Young Marrieds, Champions in Action (CIA) for the kids, and monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast and Outreach/Visitation. We have seen some visitors come and some have returned.

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support of these ministries. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston