

# The Bankstons In New Zealand

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## **NZBBTP Student Baptizing**



**Family Camp 2025**



## **NZBBTP Certificate Presentations**



## **Praises**

- Visiting Pastor ● Discipleship
- Family Camp ● NZBBTP students
- Candlelight Service ● John/Roman & Tract Outreach

## **Prayers**

- Souls to be saved ● Discipleship classes ● More people to join the church ● Webpage design ● Member's Surgery ● New Bible Study in February

We would like to begin by saying "Happy New Year to you all." We pray you had a great Christmas with your family.

Thank you all for your faithful financial and prayer support for the ministries here in New Zealand. We have seen God bless this year in both ministries: Palmerston North and Masterton. We had 5 salvations, 5 baptisms, and 12 joined the church in Palmerston. In Masterton, since we have been there, we have seen one salvation and four baptized. One of our supporting pastors from Florida, came over to see the works. He preached and helped distribute many tracts and invitations. He was able to meet Pastor Cody, who we had turned the work in Palmerston North over too. He was also able to meet several of the people in both Masterton and Palmerston North. It was so nice hosting him.

Mid November we had the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) students here for three weeks. Guy taught Men's Church Practical's, Debbie taught Lady's Ministries, and Pastor Logan taught Bibliology. The men were able to preach and lead hymns, the ladies taught Sunday School and Jr. Church, and they all helped with several projects. We were able to distribute 4,000 John/Romans around Masterton. We were able to take them to Cape Pallister lighthouse, where they put to practice some of what they were taught. They took turns baptizing each other in the ocean. We were a bit concerned, as there was a large colony of sea lions present.

Pastor Logan had to perform another funeral. This time it was for a two-month-old baby. Please pray for this family and their loss. They have three other children. We also have a founding member of the church, who has Parkinsons, that is in the hospital. About six weeks ago he fell and has been in the hospital ever since. They just moved him to Wellington, two hours south, and he is awaiting surgery on his back. While in the hospital, their house flooded from a water filter cracking in the refrigerator. It has been a challenging two months.

On Christmas Eve our church sang Christmas hymns in the hospital, then had a Candlelight Service at our church. The service started with a handbell performance by the older children and a couple adults. Guy then gave a message of the birth of Christ and how we are to reflect the Light to this dark world.

We finished the year with our annual Family Camp, held in Hamilton (six hours north). We had about 150 people in attendance from eight different churches. Several pastors shared messages on the family. It was a great time of encouragement and fellowship with other believers. While there, Guy presented two students with a one-year NZBBTP Certificate and one student with a two-year certificate. There were two other students, that attended the program, but they had not yet fully met the requirements to get their certificate. It looks like we will have 5 new students next year.

Thank you for your continual prayers, support, Christmas love offerings, encouraging letters and emails. God bless, Your Missionaries to New Zealand: Guy and Debbie Bankston

