



# The Pipers to New Zealand

*"For we are labourers together with God..." 1 Cor. 3:9a*



Lim & Caitlin on their wedding day.



Youth Activity



NZ Piper & Garner Family Thanksgiving.



Zeke's headstone.

Piper Prayer Letter December 2024

Greetings from the WARM Southern Hemisphere! Although we've lived in New Zealand for over 25 years now, it still is weird to have it so warm and beautiful around Christmas! We usually do caroling downtown and hand out tracts, but with the Comstocks on furlough this year, we won't have their voices or violin, so it's not looking too good. We'll still join a sister church and sing in some rest homes, which is a pleasure. Let us pray that during this special season, as we remember Jesus's birth, we'll have extra opportunities to share the Gospel with those who are still lost."

We've kept busy with the usual ministries over the past few months. One of our older couples has gone through trials with hospitalization and separation as she has dementia, and he can no longer care for her, etc., and they have no family. Pray for Mark and Janina. One of our men returned from being a blessing on the South Island at our daughter and son-in-law's new church for several months. They needed his rental house for teachers, so he came back to New Plymouth!

Several men went to the Men's Retreat, hosted by a sister church up north (about seven hours away). They had a good time of fellowship and were encouraged in God's Word by the president of Ambassador Baptist College, who came from North Carolina to preach. The ladies have monthly Bible studies at our house. The teens have monthly activities with three other sister churches. We hosted a "Find a Fossil" activity at a fossil-rich beach located between our churches. During the event, Garth shared scientific facts that aligned with the Bible and supported the account of the Genesis flood. We had lunch and great fellowship on the beach!

November finished up with a quick trip down south to the Garners for a few days to celebrate Thanksgiving and an early Christmas with our NZ family. It was the first time we were all together like that since Zeke, our grandson, went to Heaven almost two years ago. It was a precious few days!

Then we flew up to Hamilton, where a girl from our church, Caitlin Goonan, was getting married to a young man from the church in Hamilton (where Garth pastored years ago). This couple met while studying in our combined churches' NZ Baptist Bible Training Program. They both have been serving faithfully in their local churches and we're so pleased they are continuing to serve the Lord together in a new church plant that has started in Matamata, NZ. It's an effort by our sister churches in Tauranga and Hamilton. Lim and Caitlin, whom Garth married on November 30, will be working with a young American missionary couple, the Swargas, and several others from the two churches. They started on November 17 and have had several visitors already. Pray for this new church plant and this newly married couple as they serve God together! We'll miss Caitlin! We pray you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year and that you see God's many blessings as you serve, pray, and give! Thank you for being a blessing to us!!

Your co-workers for the Lord, Garth and Lynette Piper

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