



# The Pipers to New Zealand

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



## Piper Prayer Letter

September 2023

Greetings from the USA! We were able to see our newest grandson, Titus Jabez Garner, born on the South Island on July 9, spend a few days with him and the family, fly home for a few days, and then fly to the states for our whirlwind furlough. It always makes us laugh when our NZ church family says "Have a nice holiday"! We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing family and friends as we have been visiting our supporting churches (plus a few new ones), but it is nice to catch our breath once in awhile! We are so thankful for the love that is shown to us, especially hearing of so many who have prayed for our family through Zeke's short illness and homegoing to Heaven this year. We are so humbled and touched! We started our furlough out in MI with some local churches, including our amazing home church, Prairie Baptist. Pastor and Mrs. Harrison have been there for 42 years! We have been so blessed to have such consistency with most of our churches over the 24 years that we have been in New Zealand. We have over 40 churches scheduled during our 22 weeks on furlough. We have been to 14 churches so far from Michigan to Missouri to Canada, and we had a trip down to North Carolina in between to see our youngest son and his wife and two precious children. While there, we were able to share a home with our dear friends, the Bankstons, who are also on furlough. That was such a blessing! We also caught up with the Groves, who were serving in NZ near our daughter until he lost sight in his eye.

We are thankful that as we travel the states reporting on the ministries in New Zealand that we have been a part of all is carrying on as normal thanks to our co-workers, Craig and LeAnna Comstock, their three children, our church family, and Antony Rodgers who some of you met last furlough when he traveled for several weeks with us. We have been so thankful for co-workers, especially this year when we were able to be with Zeke and his family and now for furlough. The Comstocks plan to take their furlough next year, and we will be there in New Zealand. Thankfully, Rebekah Comstock has really blossomed with her piano playing and their other two children are taking lessons as well; they recently started having choir for Sunday mornings. Lynette is praying for someone to come play piano when the Comstocks go on furlough so that she does not have to limp through trying to play!

We thank all who are praying for our ministries in NZ, our safety as we travel thousands of miles in the states, our family, and for us to make a difference in people and glorify our Lord by our lives. We will not be able to visit all of our supporting churches, but we certainly appreciate them all! You who invest in our lives and ministries will receive rewards in Heaven one day! Thank you so much!

**Thank You for your prayer and support,**

**Garth & Lynette and Family**

### Prayer Requests:

- Safety for the many more miles to travel on Furlough
- Decision to be made during services and new workers for the field
- Our family and their needs
- Church growth in NZ

### Contact Us:

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Mission Board - Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602; (256) 353-2221



Grant's beautiful children



Bankstons with us in NC



NZ Display



New Baby



Visiting with the groves in Raymore, MO.

