



The Pipers to New Zealand

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



Dear Family and Friends,

June 2023

We have been blessed recently with several new folks coming to church. These have been from various backgrounds, and they are excited about finding our church. We praise the Lord for His blessings. It was also a great blessing to see Cody Hireme get ordained. Cody was saved after coming to our church in Rotorua, but he then entered the Army and moved to another city where he was discipled by Pastor Bankston, (fellow missionary). Cody has now been voted in as assistant pastor for Pastor Bankston.

Personally, life for me (Garth) has been a bit of a blur and seemingly like walking in a fog. Shortly after coming home after helping care for our grandson, Zeke, who has gone to be with the Lord, I plunged straight into teaching classes with the New Zealand Bible Training program students. The first class was a 3 week Bible manuscripts class. We then had a week of youth camp (I am the director of the camp, though Lynette does a lot of the work), then two weeks without students, and then 3 more weeks with the student (Pastor Craig teaching one of the weeks). It has been very busy, and I have also been staying up very late several nights trying to schedule our furlough meetings (midnight in NZ is 8:00am Eastern standard time). We will be back in the states from the middle of July until the beginning of December. Unfortunately, we will not be able to visit all of our supporting churches during this time, but we will do our best to get to most of them.

Through all of this, Lynette and I are dealing with grief of losing Zeke and our son Grant's unborn daughter, especially when memories and photo's pop up on our computer and phones. Now that the classes are over, we have had a bit of a let down emotionally as we are trying to catch our breath. I am working at trying to get all the things ready for furlough, - presentation, schedule, prayer letter, other paperwork, prayer cards, purchase a car, etc. We are making progress, but my mind is not as clear as normal.

I had an angiogram on June 7 to check on the blood flow in my heart. The surgeon decided that I needed another stent. This was inserted while he was checking my heart. This was a follow up test after having the stent put in my heart 2 1/2 years ago. The Doctor said that it would be good to get checked since I have been having some symptoms like I did before the first stent had been put in.

Our son, Grant and his wife, Olivia, have also just lost the baby she was carrying. She was about 12 weeks along. Grant was able to return to the States from deployment for a week to help Olivia as they deal with this loss together. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray for Lydia and family as they prepare for the birth of a new baby. Lynette will be going to Lydia's to help with the new baby sometime in later June.

Please pray for Garrett and family as they consider God's leading in their lives.

Thanks for your faithfulness,
Garth & Lynette Piper

Prayer requests:

Grant and Olivia and their recent miscarriage.

Lydia to have baby soon and healing from grief of losing Zeke in February.

Garth's recovery from heart stent surgery.

Garrett and Becca – wisdom for the future.



Pastors & deacons preparing to pray over Cody & Nicole.



Neighbourhood Activity



Youth camp 2023



Camp Activity



Former and present NZBBTP Student at Cody's Ordination

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