



The Bankston Family to New Zealand

Praises

- God provided the perfect Midwife for Brittany
- Residency Visa Submitted
- Church is growing Spiritually

Prayer Requests

- Souls to be Saved
- A new place for the Church to meet
- Keeping our Freedoms Free
- Safe Delivery of Baby
- Vehicle purchase
- Brittany's Visa to be approved

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Thank you so much for supporting our family in these last few months! Time has been flying by as we have been adjusting to being back in New Zealand and taking over a church. Therefore, we have much to report.

January

During the month of January, we celebrated our 9th Anniversary, found out we were having a baby boy, found a midwife, worked on visa paperwork, and struggled with sickness. Overall it was a very exhausting month. We saw an average of nineteen people come on Sundays and twelve for our Mid-week Bible studies. We had to travel almost two hours to a clinic that would see Brittany (without the need for a vaccine) to work on her visa paperwork. Now, we can we have the medical paperwork we need to submit her Residency Visa. Praise the Lord! Logan was also able to help his sending Pastor with some construction on their house. (see pictures on next page)

February:

February was an exciting month as we started up the Outreach Ministry that had been on hold while the Judds were back in the States. Although, I preached on outreach a few Sundays prior to launch, we did not see anyone participate on the first day besides our family. Since launch, we have been encouraged to have church folks join us a few times. Our typical Saturdays begin at the church waiting for people to join us as we head out as a family to reach our community. We know that the only way to grow the church is by faithfully going "...out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in..." Would you please pray with us that more church members would get involved in soul winning?

March:

Although January and February were busy, March was the month Satan attacked the most. One Saturday evening, we received a call that one of our church members had tested positive for Covid. They had been in our living room with us and others on Wednesday for Bible study. According to New Zealand Covid laws, those exposed were not allowed to be in church the next day. We found out later that we had 2 visitors show up for church while we were absent. I have tried to follow up but have yet to reach the visitors to see them return. Please pray that they come back, and that Satan doesn't have the victory in the visitors' lives. On top of that, several families were forced to miss multiple Sundays for many different reasons.

In Sunday School, we have been learning the importance of using the KJV. This has been quite an enjoyable time for me, personally. It has been great to see people that have previously use other versions realize that the version they have been using is missing key verses for salvation and other important doctrines, as well as understanding the importance of single words changing the meaning of a verse. Unfortunately, one man chose to take offense. I was attacked verbally in front of the church between services one Sunday. He was very loud about not using the KJV and not liking other practices of our church due to his exposure to other charismatic churches and the liberty he was afforded there. Please pray that God continues to work in his heart and others despite Satan's efforts to tear down what God is building.

March was also packed with blessings. Our container *finally* arrived!!! Many important items, including clothes, toys, ministry supplies, and Ella's school books, were in there, and it was like Christmas morning getting to see all those things unpacked. Thank you for continuing to support our family. We look forward to sharing how God will continue to work in the coming months especially Teen Camp in April.



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