

The Pipers to New Zealand

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

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

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We are so thankful for how the Lord is working in our ministry and family. We have had three people baptized and four join the church in the last month. It is exciting to see people make these decisions to follow the Lord in obedience, but we know that Satan doesn't like it and usually attacks. Please pray that our members, especially the new ones, keep following the Lord, and pray that those who still need to make decisions will be willing to do so soon. We have several in church who are concerned about their unsaved family members. It is a blessing to work with the Comstocks and Antony Rodgers, as they are so willing to serve by preaching and providing music, etc. We are praying that more of our members will see the need to be faithful to the services and will serve. We enjoyed a joint youth activity with several sister churches recently. We hosted a hike up our beautiful Mt. Taranaki (at least part way to some pools and waterfalls). It was good fellowship and a beautiful day!

It was this time last year that we said a temporary but painful “goodbye” to our 8-year-old grandson, Zeke. We are so thankful that Cameron and Lydia have used his life and testimony for the Lord, and their response has been an encouragement to many. Not only have they given God the glory during this time, but they have continued to serve in the local church plant even when they moved 45 minutes away. When they moved, they realized there were many around who were Christians but did not have a sound church to attend, so they started a Bible study in their home two years ago. On March 10, they will turn that into a proper, new, local Bible-believing and teaching Baptist church! Cameron has had to give up some of his work to make more time to prepare for his ordination, preach, and go through the “hoops” to be official with the government. Lydia was raised in the ministry, and Cameron trained under another American missionary, and both have served wherever they have been. Please pray for Cameron and Lydia as they try to reach the lost in Fairlie, New Zealand in this new public ministry.

Garrett, our son, along with his family, relocated to another town in December to assist part-time at the local church while Garrett works as a painter. We are thankful for their willingness to serve in Wanganui with the Watts. Keep praying for our son, Grant, and his wife (who is expecting in June) and their two young children. He is still serving in the US Army but is dealing with several health issues from that experience. Thanks for your part in our ministry in New Zealand! We pray that God blesses you and your ministries as you serve Him. We appreciate your prayers and investment so much!

Your Coworkers for Christ,

Garth & Lynette Piper

Prayer Request:

Eugene – a man from our church recovering from surgery

Pam – Cancer and Spiritual Understanding

Cameron & Lydia – Church Plant

Grant and Olivia challenging pregnancy

Salvation – Pam, Annie, Gary, Chris, Justin, Peter, Krishna, Carlos.

