



Praises

- Visitors
- NZBBTP Students
- Church Growth
- Emma's Homeschool Exemption

Prayer Requests

- Souls to be Saved
- Citizenship approval for Brittany
- Men's Prayer Advance end of October.

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Preaching via Zoom

Over the last couple of months, God has given us many opportunities. One of these opportunities was God allowed me the opportunity to preach during a church's mission month. This church was located on the South island in Ashburton. I was not able to travel down, but I was able to preach via Zoom. This was an incredible opportunity, and we are thankful that God gives opportunities like this to serve Him every single day.

Visitors!

We have had a new teen boy and his 2 younger brothers that have started coming to church. This has been very exciting as we now have trouble fitting the kids in the room we use for Sunday school and junior church. This last Sunday, we had to move the class into a hallway to fit everyone. We were excited to have 6 children. The teenager joined the adults in the main service. We look forward to seeing how God works in the lives of these new visitors.

Ladies Retreat

Every year, in Hamilton, the Independent Baptist Churches in New Zealand meet for Ladies Retreat. Its about a 6 hour drive from Masterton. In the past, Ladies Retreat has had around 90 women attend it. This year they had an astounding 130+ women come. Almost all of the women came from the North Island, since that is where the retreat is held, but this year, a small group from the South Island attended. Brittany enjoyed getting to have some fellowship with some of the other Pastors wives and friends she hasn't seen in a while. They had a good few days of encouragement, and Brittany returned refreshed and ready to better serve in our church.

NZBBTP (New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program)

Each year we have the opportunity to work with the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program. They travel through several times a year, and we get to teach them for a week or two, depending on the class. During the two weeks, that we just had them, Brittany taught Music Theory and Choral Conducting. We enjoyed getting to pour our lives into them while they were with us. It is a highlight each year to meet, teach, and fellowship with the students God sends our way. When they weren't in classes, we had them over for dinner a few times each week. Not only were Brittany and I blessed by the students, but our kids loved having the students with us as well.

Family Camp

Last year for our family, Family camp was not a great experience, due to both Ella and I being severely ill throughout. This year, God protected us and no one got sick! Pastors from five different churches came and members from most of those churches joined as well. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and hearing from God's Word as each Pastor preached a message on "Blueprints for the Christian Home.

Thank you for continuing to support our family through your faithful prayers and giving.

Logan, Brittany, Ella, Emma, Hunter, and Fisher Bankston

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The Bankston Family to New Zealand



Ladies Fellowship



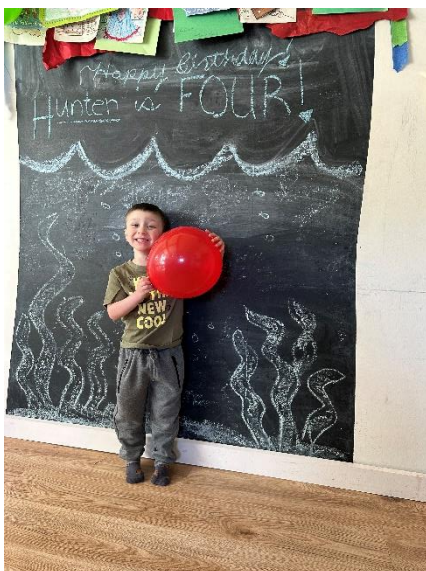
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Brittany Teaching



NZBBTP Students Singing



Hunter Turned Four!