



# Hoffmans

BRETT AND JENNY—BRINGING HOPE TO NEW ZEALAND

February 2024

### Prayer Requests

Opportunities and boldness to share the gospel

#### Salvation

The children of our church

Joel

Christine

Noah

Jason

Joel

Mary Jo

Hannah

#### Health Concerns

Amy – Passed away on 2/10/24

Mary Ann and Remil’s Dad – Stroke

Fiona Murray

Jen’s dad – health

Pastor Brett’s mom – health

Eric Hoffman – lung cancer

Mrs. Shirley – dealing with vertigo

Mulrooney family

Benvicio – stage 4 cancer

Grace Quinlan 4-year-old going through cancer treatment

#### Praises

We have a new meeting place for Wednesday Evenings

For new and returning visitors to church

Hello from New Zealand!

On 22 February 2023 Jenny and I arrived in New Zealand after several long delays. We are amazed at how quickly the year has passed. We are looking forward to hitting that one-year mark in just a couple of weeks.

The last quarter of 2023 was perhaps the busiest we have been. We letterboxed quite a few houses, prayed we would see visitors come to our Christmas eve service. Unfortunately, much of the letterboxing and even door-to-door visits do not always result in visitors attending. I was told by a man recently that he will letterbox and do the door-to-door visits, but the Lord brings in visitors from places that he never went. The point is, we keep doing the work, and let the Lord provide the fruit. He will provide from outside the areas that we are active. It is His work, and we want to do it His way.

In December we held a kids Christmas party in our home and each child was given a gift along with the gospel message. Jenny and I have been able to meet with some of our children privately to help us gain some insight into their spiritual condition. Please pray for the children of our church that God would open their understanding of the gospel so that they will be saved. The gospel is preached and taught in every message and every Sunday School hour.

In January, we had a baby dedication for one of our families. What a blessing to have parents who desire to raise their children for the Lord.

This weekend, Jenny and I hosted the teens and their parents in our home for a time of dessert, games, and fellowship. We also outlined for them what to expect this year. The teens will be having a Bible study every two weeks with a time of food and games as well. Our desire is to see the young people grow spiritually, and in their walk with the Lord. There have been some of our youth that are inviting their friends to church and in so doing, the parents have come as well. We are excited to see how God will bring in folks who need to hear the Gospel and get saved.

We have had a few new folks visiting recently which has been great to see. One of them is a young lady whose husband will be joining her in April. She called one Sunday night to find out our location and then showed up. We have also had a man who has been visiting each week for the past several weeks which has been encouraging. We had 3 new people visit on Sunday and hopefully they will be back. We are excited when the Lord brings in new people.

*“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” Philippians 2:16*

My (Brett) brother Eric was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray that the cancer has not metastasized in his brain. This will allow him to undergo chemo and radiation treatment with a high probability of the cancer going into remission. He used the word “cured” which would be fantastic. God has this in His control and Eric’s testimony through all of this has been “For the Glory of God.” We are trusting God will cure him.

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I learned recently that the best way to reach the Filipino families is to go toward them, ask them if we can come and sit a while and talk and then in that meeting, share God's love for them with the Gospel. This new information will be helpful as we work toward starting a Bible study in the home of one of our Filipino families that we pray will be well attended and then become a new church. Please pray as we work to get this started.

Our theme for this year is *Philippians 2:16* "16 Holding forth the word of life..." We have the Word of Life, and we must share it with those around us.

We recently had to move from the house the Lord provided before we even arrived here. The owners decided they want to live there so we packed up everything and moved into our new house on the other side of town. It is a bit smaller than the house we started out in, but it is a beautiful house, and we are glad God provided it for us once again. Thankfully, this is a long-term lease which means the owners bought it as an investment house. Our new address is: **26 Strowan Ave. Elgin, Ashburton 7700**. Additionally, we were able to secure a new location for our Wednesday evening services, which has been a blessing. We were outgrowing our home and the new home we are in is not large enough to host services. (A good problem to have)

Each week we have a new Bible verse for our folks to memorize. We have been working through the alphabet and are currently up to the letter F. We are encouraged that so many of our children have been faithfully memorizing scripture each week. The children are encouraged and rewarded with stickers (a fun way to reward them) for memorizing scripture. We not only teach them (adults and children alike) to memorize, but we teach them to hide God's Word in their hearts and to meditate on the verses they do memorize.

We look forward to what God has in store for us and Victory Baptist Church this year.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our ministry here. We love and are praying for you all.

In Christ,  
Brett & Jenny Hoffman

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