

BRETT AND JENNY-BRINGING HOPE TO NEW ZEALAND

August 2025

Prayer Requests

Salvation of our Sunday School age children

For our teens as they deal with peer pressure, to remain faithful to the Lord

For visitors to come as a result of our door knocking and letterboxing efforts

For the several discipleships we are engaged in to have an impact in the lives of the students.

For the Lord to provide property and or a building for us to have a permanent place to meet

That God would save 10 souls in 2025

For our bus ministry to begin in the next few months Kia Ora from New Zealand.

We are rejoicing for the Lord's goodness to us and our ministry here in Ashburton. We are thankful for the prayers and financial support you graciously and sacrificially give each month.

These months that have passed since our last update have been very busy. We are excited for how the Lord has worked in the life of our church, and how He will continue to work over the next year.

In June we had our first Family Fun Day for this year. We try to schedule 3 of those per year. We went to an outdoor ice-skating rink and made a day of it with a sausage sizzle. While we were there we were able to reach out to several families, invited many to join and have a sausage, chips, and a drink. We had around 40 people turn out just from our church. Then in July, Lighthouse Baptist Church in Christchurch hosted a marriage retreat. Four couples from our church attended and came away refreshed and encouraged by the sessions we were privileged to attend.

A few weeks ago we had a family of four attend who had been going to the Jehovah's Witness church in town. One of our deacons found out and brought them to Brett to share with them the gospel. In that meeting, the mom, dad and daughter put their trust in Christ. Last year, we saw five souls saved and this year we have seen four souls saved. Praise the Lord!

On the last Sunday of July, Brett presented to the church his vision for the next year for missions and two years for our future projects. The theme for the next year is "Rise and Build" from Nehemiah 2:18. In that message, he presented reasons for partnering with missionaries as well as how the church could raise some of the necessary funds to buy property where we could eventually build a church.

August has been the month we devote specifically to missions since we arrived in 2023. When we arrived, the church was supporting one missionary family. In 2023 the Lord allowed us to partner with four missionary families which is a great blessing. We have been praying over the past two months that the Lord would allow us to partner with three new missionary families. Please pray with us that He will allow this.

On Saturday, 2 August, eight of us went door knocking to invite folks to church. We had some really great visits. One lady said that her husband, a cradle catholic, was very particular about what church they attend and would talk with him. On Sunday morning, they both came. His name is Christopher and her name is Aja. They are a very nice family. He said they were looking for a church that preaches from the Bible. One of our teens invited her schoolmate, a young man named James, who came with his grandparents. We had a total of five visitors on Sunday morning! Then on Sunday evening, we were excited to have 52 people attend our evening service. We had a guest speaker join us which was very encouraging. After the service we had a pizza fellowship and all of those who came stayed and fellowshipped for a long time

Thank you all for your continued love, prayer and financial support of our ministry. May God bless you. In Christ, Brett & Jenny Hoffman

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