

The Comstock Connection

Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, November 2023

Wow, has it been busy, and the last two months flew by so fast, we forgot to do a newsletter since September. So let's begin...

Just before the students arrived, we had a young woman, Melanie, from New Jersey come and visit us as she toured around NZ. She was a blessing to have here and show her around our area. Toward the end of her time here, the NZBBTP students arrived. The students were here until late September taking their Major Prophets Bible class. In the middle of the class, we had Ladies' Retreat, so they had to break the schedule for a couple of days. Ladies' Retreat was a huge blessing, and we had five from our church attend. The theme was being in the way that God can lead us. Right before the girl students left, we had a girl's sleepover over at the Piper's home, and it was a huge blessing to hear the testimonies of several girls of how God is working in their lives.

The Piper's furlough seems to be going well and is quickly drawing to a close. They return mid-December. They have gotten to see both of our parents, which is neat! They are missing the planting season here this spring, so a bunch of us weeded and planted their gardens for them on our Labor Day, which is October 23.

Every two years, the church in Hamilton has hosted a Youth Formal dinner, which is meant to be a dressed-up time for our young adults. This was Rebekah's first year to attend as she is finishing up her junior year. The theme was walking with God and purposing now to follow Him in good and bad times. We were also excited to witness Caitlin's engagement to her beau Limuel at the end of the evening. The wedding is next year after she graduates nursing school. Some of you would remember her from our last furlough.

Men's Retreat was hot on the tail of these other activities and was a blessing for the 9 men from our church who were able to attend it. Pray for newly-saved Jared E., who attended; he loved the retreat and loved the preaching. Pray that

the devil doesn't find a way to get him off track.

Just this week, we had guests from the South Island, who are friends of the Piper's daughter, stay with us while they had a conference here in New Plymouth. It was a blessing to meet them and hear especially how one of them was able to escape a secluded cult here in New Zealand called Gloriavale after coming to Christ.

On the November 18, we are hosting a teen activity for our church and the churches in Wanganui and Palmerston North. We are planning a hike on the mountain, so please pray for good weather and safety for everyone.

In family news:

- ⇒ Rebekah just took her Level 4 Piano Practical test in August and then had a Level 4 theory test in October. She is well on her way to completing her teacher's training in about a year and a half. Please pray for her as there is much studying to do for this, and she will be in her senior year of high school next year.
- ⇒ Jared just turned 16 in October. He has started to learn from Craig how to lead singing and just started to actually lead singing for our Wednesday night Bible study. He is excited for this new way to serve the Lord and his church family. He is still playing the piano and is finishing up ninth grade.
- ⇒ Craig and Kalyssa have birthdays next week. Kalyssa is excited to turn 12, and well, Craig is now in his 40s, so do we stop counting now? Haha!

We also are going to be trying to apply for dual citizenship in the new few months. We would appreciate prayer for this process and that it would go smoothly and not be dragged out.

Also, please pray as a young couple is wanting to join our church. Although both have trusted Christ, the wife is not baptized. So, we will be having a baptism soon, and several others need to make that decision as well.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,

*Craig & LeAnna Comstock
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa*

Prayer Requests:

1. Salvation needs: Chris, Pete, Krishna, Justin, Annie, Gary, Sheng Yu and so many more...
2. Interchurch Teen Activity - November 18
3. Piper's furlough—they return 12/14
4. Discipleship of several in our church
5. Upcoming baptism
6. Continued growth in our church
7. Discipleship of Jared E. who is newly saved

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New friend Melanie and Kalyssa



Ladies' Retreat



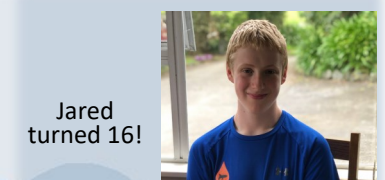
Men's Retreat crew



Youth Formal



Teen girl sleepover



Jared turned 16!

