

The Comstock Connection

Missionaries to New Zealand



Dear Praying Friends, April 2020

Hello from our lockdown bubble! Here in New Zealand, we have been on a four-week lockdown in what they call “alert level 4.” This lockdown basically means that we cannot leave our home except for groceries or medical needs. All stores and restaurants are closed, except for essentials such as grocery stores and gas stations. Police have full authority and do pull people over to check what they are doing out. We realize that many of you share a similar situation. Despite the situation, we have enjoyed being able to tune in to many of our sending church’s services due to live streaming now. While this is not a best-case scenario, we know that God is in control, and we are looking for ways to serve God even in this time of lockdown. We have been able to get many household projects done, which always feels nice. The lockdown has helped us settle much faster into our home than we would have if ministry had continued as normal. New Zealand only has around 400 active cases left, so we should be able to start having a little more freedom next week and even more in weeks following.

Please remember that our new address is:

47 Kaipakopako Road
RD 3
New Plymouth 4373
NEW ZEALAND

We would greatly appreciate it if you could make sure your records are up to date as our former landlords do not wish to continue to receive our mail.

Teen camp would have been this past week, so our youth were pretty sad to miss this time. We have an alternate date in October tentatively planned, so we are praying this virus scenario will be cleared by then.

Our days are filled with normal schedules:

Praying Request:

1. That New Zealand can eliminate Covid 19 and that the government will make wise decisions to get our country’s economy up and running.
2. Our church during this time of lockdown—that people will be encouraged in the Lord and draw closer to him. Also, that God will use this time to help our church to learn even more the importance of church services and fellowship.
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Sending Church: Community Baptist Church, 8331 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

home schooling, sermon prep for Craig and family and personal Bible study. We also are trying to call through the church family list to check in and have some sort of communication with them. Please pray for many of our church family as they are lonely and some are struggling with depression. We are using a group chat to share scripture with them and created a public Facebook page to stream our services live for the church. If anyone cares to listen in, we keep a week’s worth of messages on the page; just search for: “**Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church—services**”. Because we are not allowed out, Craig and our coworker, Garth Piper, are taking turns preaching from our own homes. When it is at our home, we are thankful that LeAnna and Rebekah can provide music with the violin and piano, and when the Pipers host, Lynette plays the piano. We hope that we can resume normal services in about 3 weeks.

In family news, we are thankful for being on the edge of town so that we can walk the dog for about 1.5 miles on our road. It is currently illegal to drive anywhere unless it is to get groceries or go to the doctor, but we are allowed to walk in our neighborhood. At the start of the lockdown, many of us had light colds, which have thankfully cleared. Rebekah just turned 14 this week! We had a wonderful family day celebrating her birthday. She is growing in the Lord and desires to serve Him. We praise God for His faithfulness in our lives. We are so thankful He never leaves us or forsakes us. We are thankful we can trust in Him (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,

Craig & LeAnna Comstock
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa



Family walk



Singing “It is Finished” for our Good Friday service



Live streaming from home



Our family got to sing “One Day” for our Easter service.



Happy Birthday Rebekah!

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