

The Comstock Connection

Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, January 2022

Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year from New Zealand. This holiday season flew by with many seasonal activities. Summer has come, and the NZ sun is as intense as ever. We have had some very warm days so far this year, with one day hitting 88F/31C. These temperatures might be mild for places like Australia, but they are very warm for New Zealand.

We enjoyed having friends down from Rotorua to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. The Pipers were on South Island with two of their children's families, so it was a blessing to have special friends to share a day of thanksgiving to God with. We had wild turkey that Craig and Garth had shot. The meat can be quite tough, but it spent much time in the slow cooker and was delicious.

Following Thanksgiving, we were able to host another home school activity. This time, we used old roofing metal to make a racetrack for the kids to race matchbox cars. Two families came, and while small in numbers, we look at this as a divine appointment and pray for fruit to come.

We were also able to attend a youth formal banquet in Hamilton that the church there hosted. This is designed to encourage young people from just out of high school to about age 30 to stand for the Lord and give them a time of fellowship. The numbers were affected because Covid is shutting things down around NZ again in certain areas, but we were thankful to be able to have four youth from our church attend.

For Christmastime, the church put on a ladies' Christmas luncheon, which the Piper's hosted. We also were able to go Christmas caroling downtown and distribute tracts with the gospel message of hope. We spent an hour singing near an extremely busy intersection near the mall in the city. Hundreds of people passed us, and some took the tracts as we offered them. One young teen stopped and chatted with Garth a while. We pray that fruit will develop as the tracts are read. We are also working on

distributing this gospel tract throughout the whole city, since we are allowed to place them into mailboxes here.

We were also able to host a Christmas fellowship with our church family. We had a white elephant gift exchange, Christmas caroling and a message. Our neighbors said later that they enjoyed hearing the caroling, which we did outside due to the heat and limited space inside.

Lynette organized a very nice children's special where the children presented the meaning of Christmas and sang a special song. It was a blessing. Jared and Kalyssa also gave Rebekah and Lynette a break and played Christmas offertories on the piano during December. LeAnna and Rebekah were also able to play their first violin/piano duet at church. Our church had a small piano recital, since several kids had theirs canceled due to Covid restrictions.

We were able to arrange a smaller, more local fellowship family camp for the week after Christmas, because the one in Hamilton was canceled due to restrictions. It was a blessing to see friends and fellowship. Please pray for our churches in New Zealand!

Later this month, we will be hosting a men and boys campout for our church and some other area churches. Please pray that this will be a blessing to these men. We desire to see them grow and be leaders in our churches. Pray for our churches in New Zealand to remain strong!

In family news: Since school is out for the summer, Garth and Craig took the older kids fishing on the ocean. Rebekah and Craig both caught decent sized snapper, and we have enjoyed the shark that they caught too. LeAnna's 40th birthday was the first day of fellowship family camp, and she was spoiled with sweet birthday wishes and treats.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,

*Craig & LeAnna Comstock
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa*

Prayer Requests:

1. Spiritual growth for our church family
2. Covid and restrictions here in New Zealand
3. Fruit from outreach into New Plymouth city
4. Men and Boys Campout later in January

Contact us by mail: 47 Kaipakopako Rd., RD3, New Plymouth, 4373, NEW ZEALAND

Contact us by V.O.I.P./email: #989-272-1177; ccomstock@baptistworldmission.org

Sending Church: Community Baptist Church, 8331 Gratiot Rd., Saginaw, MI 48609

Mission Agency: Baptist World Mission, PO Box 2149, Decatur, AL 35602



Caroling in the city



Youth Formal Banquet



Building the matchbox car race-track



Children's presentation



Church Christmas fellowship

