

The Comstock Connection

Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, **March 2022**

As the rest of the world is getting back to normal, NZ is being swept with covid as the government is releasing us from restrictions slowly. We are being assured that the international borders will be opening soon for travelers. Our church was one of the last to have Covid sweep through it, but we are in the midst of fighting covid personally as well as our church. About half of our church has caught it. We have had to suspend services since there is no one well enough to preach. Pipers went for a short visit to South Island to see their daughter and now are fighting Covid and cannot fly back until they test negative. We would appreciate prayer for full healing from this virus.

Teen/Youth Camp is just weeks away from taking place. We are praying that all the pastor's and youth will be well enough to attend. We are excited for the theme of Standing Strong in the Lord from Ephesians 6. Please pray for our young people, camp planning and our general health.

Before Covid hit, we had some encouraging activities and services. Rebekah and Isaac Rodgers (siblings) came forward to be baptized and our church celebrated their obedience to the Lord and hearing their testimonies of salvation. Craig was able to baptize each of them at a local lake. Their older brother Antony has just committed to another year of Bible training with NZBBTP. Pray for Antony, as he has chosen to give up his job to follow the Lord.

We had another men and boy's retreat/campout before all the sickness, and it was such a blessing. We are praying for these men both old and young to be the spiritual leader's God wants them to be.

We are thankful to welcome a new family to church that moved up from South Island. We are praying for the dad, Justin, to come to Christ. His wife and kids are praying fervently for him. The Pipers and us were able to help them move and settle into their new home.

Prayer Requests:

1. Spiritual growth for our church family
2. Recovery from Covid here in NZ
3. Fruit from outreach into New Plymouth
4. Upcoming Youth Camp in April

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Right before Covid hit our family we received the news that Craig's grandmother (the one that just lost her husband) had been in a serious accident while being driven home from church. The other car ran a red light and hit Grandma's side. She survived but had major injuries. We were able to talk briefly with her once they stabilized her. We were being told she was recovering, and then, in the middle of being sick with Covid, we found out her sweet 86 year old body gave up and she passed away. We are so thankful that she knew the Hope of the gospel and loved her Saviour so much. This has been very hard for our family to lose loved ones so close together. Please pray for us as we will be joining the funeral service online in the upcoming days.

When thinking about all the happens in life, we must focus our eyes on our always good God and know that He will never leave us or forsake us.

In other family items, Rebekah, Craig and Garth were able to go duck hunting twice together and the Lord provided some meat. Grocery prices have continued to increase as well as the cost of fuel due to shipping interruptions with covid and then the war in Ukraine continue to influence. We are always amazed as God gives opportunities like these to feed us.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,
Craig & LeAnna Comstock
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa
Praising the Lord for 8 yrs. in NZ



Dinner with new friends



Rebekah and Isaac after their baptism



Men & boys campout—breakfast time



Some youth over after Sunday evening church



Rebekah and friend Annie learning how to process the ducks

