

# The Comstock Connection

## Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, **October 2022**

September was a month of sickness for our family. Due to fevers and other flu like symptoms, one of us missed church about three Sundays in a row. We are so thankful for our coworkers; they were a big help. One sickness came, and then we thought we were better, so we attended Wednesday service. We then got sick again from another virus. Rebekah ended up with quite a chest infection, and Craig has been fighting a cough now for weeks. Through it all, we are thankful to see God's hand caring for us, guiding us, giving us wisdom in it all. We are thankful to be back up and serving the Lord and others this month.

Right before we became ill, Craig took a group of teens from our church to Palmerston North about 3 hours away to participate in a youth activity. They did a city wide scavenger hunt and were encouraged in fellowship and in the Word. Please pray for our teens!

Before the sickness, we hosted several home-school activities. Please pray for our family as we are trying to reach out to these contacts. Specifically pray for Michelle and Emilie (mother/daughter that LeAnna and Rebekah are trying to reach for Christ). Also, pray for Zoe, Ella and Lilly that Kalyssa is trying to reach, and Ethan and Wilson that Jared is trying to reach. In a homeschool group of around 130 families, we are praying for opportunities and for utterance and boldness as we share Christ.

Ladies Retreat at the end of September was a huge blessing. We had 8 ladies from our church attend. The rides to and from the retreat were also a huge blessing because Antony (who was coming up as a student to serve) was our chauffeur. There were around 100 ladies who attended from North and South Island.

This month our church is to host the inter-church teen activity, but it has been postponed from last weekend to this coming weekend due to Covid sweeping through one of the churches again. Please pray for these activities to be an

### Prayer Requests:

1. Men's Retreat - November 3-5th
2. Salvation needs: Pete, Krishna, Chris, Justin, Annie, Gary

encouragement to the youth to stand strong in their family and remember that, like Elijah, they are not alone in serving God. In NZ, usually only one gospel preaching church serves in each city, so it can feel very isolated. Auckland at around 1mil people has about 3 churches. A few other large cities have multiple churches. In all, NZ has about 20-30 churches that are faithfully preaching the Word. Thus many areas do not have the gospel yet either.

Other ministries that we have been involved in include pulpit filling, attending a Bible conference, hosting the NZBBTP students for a class, music and outreach (both personal and with the church in distribution of tracts). NZ's borders are now open again, so we were blessed by a visit from friends in mid-August. Please pray for David, a Chinese brother in Christ who is a member of our church, whose unsaved wife, Annie, and son, Gary, have just been able to reunite with him after 3 years apart. LeAnna and Jared have been reaching out to Annie and Gary, teaching them English and hoping to see them trust Christ.

Rebekah has done very well in her first few piano exams and has another theory exam at the end of October. She continues to use this skill to serve at church as well as helping with our nursery and set up and take down. Pray for her as she continues to learn to use this skill for the Lord.

Jared is still improving his piano and has played more at church for offertories. He helps with set up and take down and other needs that pop up during the service. Continue to pray for him as he grows to be a young man that is yielded to serving the Lord.

Kalyssa is also using her piano skills at church. She has a big heart and takes any opportunity to share with her friends about her Savior. She also helps with setting up chairs and hymnals. Pray for her witness and that she stays yielded to the Lord.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,  
*Craig & LeAnna Comstock*  
*Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa*

3. NZ's believing youth - be encouraged in their walk with God
4. NZBBTP Students - Caitlin from our church is joining again



Ladies Retreat 2022



Interchurch Youth Activity



NZBBTP students eating dinner in our home



LeAnna and Jared over getting to know Annie and Gary.



During a service



Our growing children

**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

