

# The Comstock Connection

## Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, **March 2023**

We apologize for not sending a prayer letter last month. The Piper and Garner families are so grateful for all your prayers, but God answered a “no” to healing Zeke on this earth, and, on February 26, healed him when He took him home to heaven. Zeke, at 8 years old, was trusting in Christ as Saviour and wanted others to know Him too. He shared his testimony in a video that Lynette took of him just a few weeks before passing away. The family had the funeral down on the South Island, but they also held a memorial service for him on the North Island in Hamilton. So many were able to attend both services, which was a huge encouragement. The link to the North Island service is on our ministry page on Facebook, **Comstock2NZ**, if you wish to view.

At the end of January, we were to go to Auckland, where the U.S. consulate is located, so we could renew two of the children’s passports. Lodging and appointments were scheduled, so we began the 4.5 hour trip up there. As we pulled into Auckland, we found out that they canceled our appointment due to local flooding. We then rescheduled the trip for early February, and a cyclone canceled that trip. We also ended up having our car stop working right after the first trip. We were thankful we weren’t in the middle of the big city. We were told that the engine had blown a cylinder and needed to be replaced. A man in our church, who is a mechanic, gave us a second opinion and found a used engine for a good price. However, after more testing, he found it simply was a clogged fuel injector. So for now, our car is still running, for which we are thankful. THANK YOU to all who financially helped us with this need.

We are very thankful for God’s protection from the heavy rains and wind from the cyclone that hit New Zealand. We were out of power for about 2.5 days, about a week before our friends arrived but God allowed it to be restored. We were grateful to a church member who allowed us to use a generator to run our fridge and freezer. Please pray for New Zealand as they recover.

Also, we want to say a big thank you to those who helped with the sleepout getting carpeted.

### Prayer Requests:

1. Comfort for the Garner/Piper family in the loss of Zeke
2. Trip to Auckland next week for passport renewal
3. Upcoming Youth Camp in 10-14th of April
4. NZBBTP class this month
5. NZ Cyclone Recovery

We are so excited to have our guest space more finished and comfortable. We use this for the students, guests and traveling friends and gets used quite a lot. You are welcome to come visit us and try it out yourself!

The Pipers were able to come home after the South Island service, and, after several weeks of being gone, our church got together for a working bee and showered love on them by tidying the gardens, dusting and vacuuming. We also left for them several floral arrangements, as well as some food in their fridge. It was such a blessing to see the church show love to them.

In February, our dear friends Kevin and Brooke Miner from WI were able to visit NZ for three weeks. It was during their second week here that Zeke passed away. We enjoyed our time with them immensely, and their church sent us all sorts of goodies from the U.S. that we cannot get here as well as some school curriculum and camp supplies. We want to say a big thank you to that church!

Ministry here has been good. We have had several visitors to church in the last several months that people in the church have invited. Please pray for Dan and Sheng Yu for salvation; they are searching and willing to listen to the Gospel. Also pray for Annie and Gary (David G’s family) as they still need Christ. Pray for the salvation of Chris, Justin, Krishna and Pete as these are all spouses from people in our church who need Christ.

While the Miner family was visiting, we were able to have a church food and fellowship night. We ate great food, the Miner family was able to share their testimonies. Everyone enjoyed fellowshiping together.

We have the NZBBTP students arriving this weekend. Garth Piper is teaching a three-week class. There are 5 young men and 2 young women who are traveling currently, and one more young lady will join in a few months.

We head back up to Auckland for another attempt to renew passports next week so we are praying all those details work out. We know God is in control and has a plan.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,

*Craig & LeAnna Comstock  
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa*



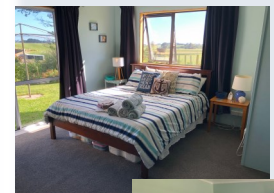
Comstock and Miner families



Church work bee and Garth Piper with flowers from our church for the Garners



Church fellowship at our house while Miners were here.



The sleepout all carpeted and ready for guests!



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