



The Pipers to New Zealand

"For we are labourers together with God..." 1 Cor. 3:9a



Greetings from the Pipers, way down under in New Zealand! May 2024

This autumn, we have had great weather to pass out many of our flyers on the Hope that only comes from Jesus, the Anchor of our Soul. Because of that Hope, we were able to rejoice at the funeral of a national pastor, Perry Mitchell, who had been saved from a very rough life. The change in his life saved his marriage and family and touched many lives before he went to Heaven. It was a special time of reunion at the funeral (11 pastors from sister churches were there), and I am sure that Perry is enjoying the reunion in Heaven!

Shortly after we got home from the funeral, the NZ Baptist Bible Training Program students arrived for a one-week class. Evangelist Brent Sivnksty also came because we had teen camp the third week of April, and Brent was the speaker. Since Garth has been the director for about 19 years now, we had plenty of planning to do, stuff to pack, and jobs to delegate! It was a great week with about 120 teens and about 40 adults and pastors' kids hearing great messages, playing fun games, eating delicious food, and having great fellowship! We know that teen camp was a place for us to be greatly impacted spiritually, and we pray that it had a lasting impact on the youth. It was amazing to see pastors attending who were campers over 20 years ago!

After camp ended, we drove 3 hours home from camp and unpacked, repacked, and flew that evening to the South Island with our evangelist. We stayed at Cameron and Lydia's house (our daughter) and saw their new church, Fairlie Bible Baptist Church. Pastor Jono and Christi Millar and three of their children (the fourth is in the NZBBTP) are on a 3-month sabbatical and were staying at the Garners as well. It was a great time of fellowship, and Brent shot a deer that Garth processed for the Garners. We ate wallaby meat from wallabies that Brent, Ethan Miller, and our oldest grandson, Josiah, shot. We also went to Queenstown with two of our grandsons as Garth was asked to preach for Pastor Williams. We were excited to see the growth in that church, and we were able to reconnect with a missionary daughter whose dad died suddenly of an aneurysm about 20 years ago.

After all that excitement, we flew home to do laundry from camp, remake all the beds for the students, and give the house a quick clean to prepare for the students again for a two-week church history class that Garth teaches. While they were with us, they were able to help us cook and bake for the ladies' lunch in honor of Mother's Day. We also had a costume party for our Fun, Food, and Fellowship night at our house. The next Sunday was a baptism for one of our young ladies.

On June 2, we will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. We celebrated 25 years in NZ on May 5. Thanks to all who sent birthday and anniversary cards to us. We appreciate those who faithfully support us with prayer and financial support.

Your co-laborers in New Zealand,

Garth & Lynette Piper



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