



## The Pipers to New Zealand

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

March 2025

**Ps 118:1: ¶ "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever."** We are thankful for God's mercy to us every day. It has been a very busy past few months. The year started with Heritage Camp and great fellowship with sister churches. Shortly after that, we enjoyed fellowship with sister churches in our area and a group from Temple Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN. Pastor Derrick Morlan and his team were a blessing. During the conference, we hosted several friends, some of whom are pastors from sister churches. We're thankful to have a home where we can host people.

We also took a quick trip to Michigan for Lynette's Mom's 90th birthday. It was freezing cold and snowy but about 100 people came to celebrate with Mom. Garth preached right after the party, which was held at Prairie Baptist Church, our home church in the States since we were teens. He was also able to help with the Ladies' Seminar with about 300 ladies registered. Unfortunately, Lynette picked up a bug and missed all the excitement at the seminar.

In February, Lynette lost her 65-year-old brother, and Garth lost two sisters-in-law, all within a week. We really appreciate all those who took time to pray for our families and to those who expressed sympathy. January and February were busy helping an older couple in our church whose health has deteriorated. Please pray for Mark & Janina as they adapt to full-time care.

In March, we enjoyed having more friends in town. The ladies are both very involved in their local churches, and it was a blessing to spend some time together! Later, we flew to the South Island to help the Garners as Lydia had volunteered to cook for the Ladies' Retreat and to speak. Now she is expecting, and she doesn't feel the best, so she asked Lynette to speak in her place and to help with the cooking of the retreat meals on Friday. The ladies had a great time of fellowship. Their theme was "Bee Faithful" with bee decorations. Garth kept busy with babysitting and having adventures with the boys, including hunting. We all enjoyed the wallaby meat. Garth preached in Twizel at a prayer meeting, in Ashburton for Sunday school and morning services, and in Fairlie at Bible Baptist—the church Cameron and Lydia started a year ago.

It is great to see how God is growing our sister churches here in New Zealand. In the meantime it is a blessing to know that our ministry is well cared for by Antony Rodgers, who has grown so much over the nine years we've been in New Plymouth. His sister helped also and taught the children's Sunday school class. Our goal is to see nationals trained, and it's exciting to see them serving the Lord.

We're excited to have the Comstocks return from their seven-month furlough next week. It's been great to be able to work as a team! We have Youth Camp next month with the theme, "Bow the Knee." A lot of preparation is needed, and Garth and Craig will be teaching classes in the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program before and after camp.

Thanks for your prayers and support,  
The Pipers in New Zealand

Please pray for:

Salvation—Chris, Justin, Annie, Gary, Katie, Krishna, Isabell, Peter, and other lost family & friends of church members.

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Heritage Camp



South Island Ladies Retreat



Pastor Morlan in NZ at our church



Fairlie BBC 1 Year Anniversary



Young at Heart Group from our previous church in Rotorua. They stayed with us a few days.

