

PIPERS TO NEW ZEALAND

September 2025

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

Dear Praying Friends,

Psalm 95:2, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." We are thankful to the Lord for His safety and protection as we traveled back to the States to help Lynette's mother with emptying and selling their family home of 57 years. It was a huge job, but everything got sorted and auctioned off, and the house was sold! We were thankful for help from our home church, Prairie Baptist, and relatives. We are also thankful for our co-workers, the Comstocks; we could not have taken that trip without their help. We knew things would carry on as normal with them being there.

The elderly man from our church, Mark Avery, hung on till we returned, amazingly, so we were able to be with him during his last few days on earth and held a "Celebration of Life" service at the school where our church meets. It was a great time to give honor, not only to Mark, but to his Saviour. We're still looking after his wife who is in the dementia unit.

We love the unity of the sister churches around the country. We drove about seven and a half hours to our sister church in Whangarei to celebrate their 50th anniversary. There were several couples from that church who were living in Hamilton when we first came to NZ 26 years ago, and they moved back up there. We enjoyed catching up with them and many other friends from other sister churches.

We also caught up with Garrett and Becca and kids as we celebrated three birthdays, saw net ball prize giving, and a concert Garrett was in. It's so great to know they are being a blessing as they serve in Wanganui in our sister church. Lynette was also able to visit Lydia and the family since it been some time. It was great to catch up with the family and visit the young church that they began planting last year. There were several new people coming since the last time we were there! What a blessing! The Garners are waiting for a new addition to their family. The baby is due in October, so pray for a safe delivery!

Our own church in New Plymouth has seen some visitors and a lady who plans on joining on Sunday. Thousands of flyers have been put in letter boxes (mailbox), so the Gospel is being shared that way and by tracts, personal visits, etc. We've had several of our people's unsaved spouses attending (Annie, Krishna, Chris) so pray for their salvation. We've hosted a ladies' meeting, students, Fun Food and Fellowship (with 40 people) in our home and a youth activity for several churches at the school hall where we meet. Pastor Craig has taught for five weeks this term, but we share hosting and feeding the students. We pray for lasting results in each of these ministries.

Thanks for your faithful prayers and support! We can't have results without God's blessings! May God richly bless you as you serve Him in your ministries, too.

Garth and Lynette

