

**ELI'S SALVATION**

ONE OF THE TEENS WE  
TOOK TO YOUTH CAMP WAS  
SAVED THE FINAL NIGHT

**FRIDAY DINNERS**

WE ENJOY A MEAL  
TOGETHER AFTER BIBLE  
STUDIES EACH FRIDAY

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

PRAISE THE LORD WE WERE  
ABLE TO BAPTIZE FIVE ON  
SEPTEMBER 21ST!

# THE HUTCHENS FAMILY



## September 2025 Update

This will be one of those letters where I struggle to get everything in! It's been a remarkable few weeks, with salvations, baptisms, youth camp, services in our new building, and a special family announcement! Here's all that's been happening recently.

**A fresh family  
photo is now  
available!**

In my last letter in early August, we were still waiting for some final pieces to fall into place to allow us to move into our new building. I mentioned that we needed a specific component to our fire alarm that wouldn't be available until August 11th. We had been told we would receive the first one manufactured. Thankfully, on August 12th, we did indeed receive the first one manufactured in all of New Zealand. The city sent out an inspector on August 18th, and a few short days later we received our Certificate for Public Use. Our first service back in our new building was held on August 24th. What a whirlwind of activity to get us back in our new property! Since then, it's been nothing but full blast. We've had several visitors, including a couple who received one of our tracts in their "letterboxes." The church family is loving this beautiful building with which the Lord has blessed us!

I'm thankful to be able to report two people who have recently been saved in the ministry here. One is Hannah, a lady in her 30's who started coming a few months back. Hannah struggles with anxiety. The first Sunday she attended, she wore a badge with her name and the words, "I struggle with conversations, please be patient with me." She barely spoke that first Sunday, but she was back the next Sunday. Eventually she warmed up to us and began to speak. The first Sunday of August she and I had our first real in-depth conversation, and I asked her about her salvation. She had been in and out of church, but had never been saved. For the next 30 minutes or so, I took her through the Gospel and she bowed her head to accept Jesus as her Saviour!

Just last week, I took a group of seven teens to youth camp. One of those was a boy named Eli who has been coming to our Friday youth group for just a couple of months. We were praying fervently that he might be saved too. On the final night of camp, he stayed behind after the service, indicating he was wanting to talk with someone. I jumped up and sat down beside him, and after explaining the Gospel to him, he too bowed his head and accepted Jesus as His Saviour!

On September 21st, we held our second ever baptism service in the new building (the first was back in June, just before we had to move out). We baptized six in June, and were thankful to baptize another five this time. That included Hannah, one young girl in our church who was recently saved, Feleti and Judith (a couple who had a testimony of salvation previously, but needed to be baptized), and their son Samuel, who was also recently saved. The church family was so excited to see all of these publicly professing their faith in baptism.

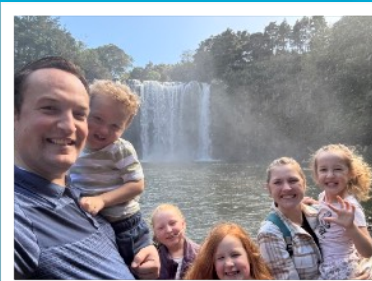
Looking forward, we are planning a Grand Opening Sunday for our new building on October 19th. We are inviting all of the various tradesmen and building professionals who helped us with our building. We are also putting out several thousand invitations into the community, and advertizing the event on Facebook. On that Sunday, we plan on giving glory to God for our new property, saying thank you to the many who played such a crucial part, and giving the Gospel to all who are in attendance. Our building has 100 seats, and we're planning on setting up another 25-30 or so in the back room as overflow. Please pray with us for this special day!

I'll end on a special family note. We recently found out that the Lord will be blessing us with yet another child - our fifth! This one comes as a surprise to us. Harrison will be nearly four by the time this one is born in late March. But we're thrilled to know another one is on the way. Please pray for a safe pregnancy!

*The Hutchens Family*

*Sam, Juliana, Emma, Alexa, Samantha, & Harrison*

## *Family pictures*



TOP: Taking a picture in front of our new church sign just before some tract distribution.

MIDDLE: We took a quick family holiday end of August and found this waterfall! NZ is always so beautiful!

BOTTOM: Harrison feeding a bird at a local aviary on our holiday.

# EXTRA NEW BUILDING PICTURES

