

PIPERS TO NEW ZEALAND

December 2025

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

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from summer in the Southern Hemisphere! We hope that you are rejoicing in this particular time of year, when we are joined by even the unsaved to celebrate the coming of Christ to the world. The unsaved may not realize or accept that Christ grew up to die for their sins and that He lives in heaven and prepares a place for us (if we've accepted His free gift), but it's a great opportunity to share the Good News! New Zealand is such a beautiful country that God made, yet so many deny that God is real. We are able to share the Gospel by putting flyers in letter boxes (mailboxes), singing at rest homes, having a special service with a play and songs, along with preaching, etc. Pray that lives will be touched!

In October, our daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and Cameron Garner, were blessed with a baby girl, Lorraine Anne! Her four brothers are thrilled and give her lots of love. Lynette and I were able to go down and help a bit. We also spent a bit of time with some missionary friends in Queenstown (arranged last year) and visited a sister church there. We also had another missionary friend and her daughter visit the church. Garth then preached at the church in Fairlie to give Cameron a little break. Keep praying for the Garners and this young church. At the end of October, Craig Comstock, eight of our men, and I travelled about seven hours north to attend a men's retreat for two nights. It was a blessing and encouragement to all of us who attended.

November seemed to fly by! One of our men had been witnessing to a lady in his retirement village. She was interested in a Bible study, so we went by to talk about doing one. She realized that she was not saved, though she had been in church and even served in the Anglican church for years! That day, June made a personal decision to trust Christ as her own Savior, and she was baptized a few weeks later. We are so thankful for those who are willing to share the Gospel wherever they are! We had a Thanksgiving Fun Food and Fellowship Feast at our house with about 40 people (NZ doesn't celebrate at all). Then the Saturday after your Thanksgiving, we had our co-workers, the Comstocks, the Zohs (a family from the church Garth pastored in Rotorua), the Watts (pastor from a sister church where Garrett and Becca serve), Garrett and Becca and their four kids and Becca's parents, and Trish (Pastor Watt's mum) for a traditional Thanksgiving meal (23 of us!). It was beautiful, warm weather, so the kids could play outside, and we could take a walk without a parka and snowpants! Special times like these help so much when we cannot be with our extended families.

We have already related some of the events in December that are special. Another event is that our church, Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, will have its 10th anniversary at the end of the month! We are grateful that the Comstocks joined us in starting and serving in this church, and for all those who come faithfully! We have seen a lot of growth in the last 10 years here. We are so thankful for all of you who have faithfully supported us and our ministries over the last 27 years! May God richly bless you!

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