

PIPERS TO NEW ZEALAND

June 2026

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



2026 Youth Camp



Pastors Fellowship



MTT Team



ANZAC Service



Youngs and Pipers



Young Adult Retreat

Dear Praying Friends,

We are thankful to know that we have such great support with so many of you praying for us. At the end of March, Garth had an angiogram because a previous test had indicated that he had severe blockage on both sides of his heart. Praise the Lord, the angiogram showed that there was no blockage and that his heart was in great shape. The doctors lowered his blood pressure medication as they thought it was causing some of his heart symptoms. He seems to be feeling healthy and back to normal.

Early in April, Garth's older sister went to be with the Lord. This is one of those difficult times of being a missionary and being far from family. We will miss Carmen. She was unique, but deep down she had a love for the Lord, and we believe that we will see her again in heaven.

The rest of April was a very busy time with the youth camp and having our grandson Josiah stay for a week. Pastor Kevin Szwarga was our camp speaker. He's the brother of fellow missionary Josh Szwarga. Pastor Szwarga was greatly used by the Lord to touch the hearts of the youth, with about 50 campers giving testimonies at the end of camp. The future of NZ is with our youth. Keep praying for them.

ANZAC Day in New Zealand and Australia is similar to Memorial Day in America. Garth was asked by a good friend to speak at a public ANZAC service. At this service, our friend and Garth were both able to point people to Christ's sacrifice. The following Sunday, we also did a special service at church. Concerning activities, May was a slower month, but we did have Evangelist Fraser Young from Australia for special Mother's Day services and a ladies' luncheon the day before, with his wife Robin speaking. Several of our neighbor ladies came to the luncheon and heard the Gospel.

June was busy at the beginning with a pastor's fellowship that Craig organizes, and we were both busy hosting activities at our homes. There were about 40 people, pastors, and families involved. It was a great time, but very busy for us. During this time, we celebrated our 42nd anniversary. It was fairly low-key this year.

A few days later, we had the young adult retreat on June 5-6. This is to address issues this group currently faces. The theme dealt with living in the valleys and on the mountaintops of life. Just as the young adult retreat was ending, the MTT Team arrived, led by Bob and Joyce Landis, along with a number of young people. They ministered at our church, led a kids' activity at our house, and conducted services at several rest homes in the area. They are always a blessing. While the MTT Team was here, Garth was also dealing with the death of our friend Rex and counseling the family and officiating his graveside and memorial service. This was a bit complicated. Rex was dying of cancer at age 50, and we had sat down and talked about how he wanted his service to go, so that helped him to be prepared.

Then for the rest of the month, we filled in for the ministries at Fairlie Bible Baptist Church as our daughter, son-in-law (the pastor), and baby Lorraine were in the States for a couple of weeks visiting a supporting church, going to a work conference, and seeing family. We also took care of their other four boys, ages 2-14. While down on the South Island, we were covering the normal services, teen activities, game night, Bible studies, counseling, etc. Pastor Craig was continuing with our normal services on the North Island. One of our church members, Andrew, had a stroke. Andrew is now working on recovery.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that many who have heard to gospel in the last few weeks will come to know Christ as their Saviour.
- Pray for lost family members of our church folks: Chris, Justin, Annie, Gary, Peter, Krishna, Isabell, Katie, Haley's family, Kella's family, June's family.
- Pray for David – mental struggles
- Andrew - stroke

Garth and Lynette Piper



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