

PIPERS TO NEW ZEALAND

September 2026

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



Meeting (top) with Cody and Bible Revival (bottom)



Teen activity



Costume fellowship



NZBBTP students



Ordination



Trip to the snow

Dear Praying Friends,
While most of you are enjoying cooler weather and beautiful leaves changing, we who live "down under" are enjoying warmer weather and beautiful flowering trees and spring flowers. We are so grateful for our amazing Creator Who gives us beauty to enjoy.

July was busy with visiting different ones from church, especially Andrew, who has been so limited by paralysis on his left side due to a stroke. Please keep praying for him! We also went to a smaller family camp that Pastor Cody Hireme (the young man saved while we were in Rotorua) hosted. Garth also got to take Cody and a Filipino missionary out goat hunting. We were also able to pass out many of our church flyers with the Gospel on them. We had a ladies' tea with a great turnout at one of the ladies' homes, and we ran our monthly joint teen activity with several other sister churches. Garth also did a funeral for the father of one of our ladies. It has been great to have her mother come along to church since then. A humorous thing happened about a week after the funeral. I had messages on my home phone and cell phone from the funeral home. They wondered if I could do another funeral the following week, but I was confused since I had not heard of anyone dying that I knew. I called the funeral home back, and they said that they needed me because they needed a piper. I then realized that they wanted someone to play the bagpipes! Trust me; they would have been very disappointed if I had said yes. We also hosted a midwinter Christmas church fellowship at our home.

August began with a trip to Hamilton (our first ministry) for the annual Bible Revival. It is always so exciting to see such a great group of believers getting together from around the North Island to be challenged by God's Word. We are so appreciative of the beautiful building Fellowship Baptist has now, for the host of people who are so hospitable and generous, and for the strong leadership of Pastor Jono Millar and his wife, Christi, who have been so faithful through the years! They are hosting the annual Ladies' Retreat this week. Our daughter, Lydia, and her almost one-year-old daughter, Lorraine, are flying up because Lydia is speaking for one of the sessions. Lynette is a speaker this year as well. We are praying for God to get the glory!

Besides the normal activities in August, we had the special treat of our son, Garrett, and his family visiting for a couple of days. It had just snowed on our local volcanic mountain, so we were able to take them up to play in the snow! Though the mountains in NZ have snow, most people don't get to visit and enjoy the snow, so it was a treat.

The New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Program students were with us from the end of August until the first week of September, while Garth taught Pastoral Theology. The six students did well. We hosted another fellowship, our once-a-year "costume dress-up." People dressed as something starting with the letter "A," and everyone had a lot of fun. We also celebrated Father's Day in September. We traveled to Auckland for a big Forum on the Family with about 850 conservative people concerned about our very liberal country. Several speakers from Australia shared how they had lost their jobs because they were unwilling to help young children try to transition supposedly to another gender! Garth was able to preach at two sister churches while we were in Auckland. We also spent some time with our dear friends, Pastor and Mrs. Bankston. When we came home, we were blessed to have a baptismal service at the local pool after our morning service. In the evening service, we had a man from Creation Ministries International. Thanks so much for your continued prayers and support. We appreciate it so much!

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