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Hadassah Noel Lopez



Kid's Program



Praises

- Our newest granddaughter
- Kid's Program
- Four salvations

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Physical and Spiritual Church growth
- Furlough travel
- Logan & Cody overseeing the work
- Cody's Internship
- NZBBTP Van
- New church plant in 2019

May started out with Guy in the US visiting Churches and Debbie in New Zealand waiting the arrival of our new granddaughter. On May 12th, we welcomed Hadassah Noel Lopez into the world. She was 6 lbs. 3 oz. It was good that Debbie stayed back because there were some complications that put Hadassah in the hospital for a week and then Erin the following week. Erin and Hadassah are both doing very well now and we praise the Lord for how He was in the whole situation. Guy will not see his new granddaughter until August, when Erin, Rundell and Hadassah come to America to travel with us for a month.



Just after Guy left for the States, Cody took two of our young people to our annual youth camp, where he served as a camp counselor. Logan, Brittany, Ella and Emma spent one day at camp and then Debbie took them to the airport for a month vacation with Brittany's family. The camp was a great success with three getting saved and many decisions being made.

Over the past couple months Guy has travelled to many of our supporting churches preaching the Word of God and sharing a video of what God has been doing in New Zealand. It was so good to see the churches continuing on for the Lord. Guy has really enjoyed spending time in fellowship with the Pastors and church families. He was blessed by so many who took care of him along the way. He has had several speak with him about surrendering their lives to serve the Lord in full-time service.

Debbie arrived on June 5th in Pittsburgh, PA and has rejoined me ☺. As of the end of June we have traveled over ten thousand miles. What a blessing it is to share what God has done over the past 15 years in New Zealand. Because of you, many have received Christ and we have had the opportunity to establish two churches. We look forward to returning in December to start preparing to plant another in 2019. Please keep that in prayer.

While in Branson, Missouri we attended a Missionary Retreat for a week. It was a great time of relaxing and hearing good preaching. We were also able to explore some of Branson. One day we met a man who had lost his wife to cancer. We were able to share some comfort from the Word of God and also present the Gospel to him. He did not make a decision that day, but we left him with a Gospel tract. He contacted us a couple weeks later and said that he has prayed and accepted Christ as his Saviour. He was so thankful for God sending us his way and he told us that he has attended a local church there. Praise the Lord!

Logan and his family have returned from their vacation and are doing a great job with Cody (our intern) overseeing the work in Palmerston North. Logan and Cody took about eight of the Palmerston North Kids' Program children to Wanganui, a city that is an hour away from our church. They planned and organized with another like-minded church, a day of games and a Bible lesson. This was a great opportunity for several of these children to see God working in the hearts of other children in New Zealand. Some of the children have been saved and some have not yet made a decision to received Christ as their Savior. Please pray for those who have not yet received Christ.

Thank you so much for your continual prayers and support of these ministries. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness. God bless, your Missionaries in New Zealand: Guy & Debbie Bankston.