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Children's Program



Erin, Rundell & Hadassah



Faithful Men's Retreat



Praises

- One new supporting church ● 4 saved at Children's activity

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Physical and Spiritual Church growth ● Cody's Internship ● NZBBTP Van ● Wisdom for Logan/Cody during our furlough

The beginning of July we headed off to the Chicago area to visit a supporting church in Round Lake, IL. Debbie was blessed to be able to speak to the ladies of the church on that Saturday and then be with them again on Sunday for Guy to preach and give an update on the ministry in New Zealand. We then headed back to Pennsylvania to visit with Debbie's family. We were able to get most of the family together for a little reunion. We then started our travel again around Virginia. It was so good to be in our many supporting churches there and give a report on the work in New Zealand. In addition, we were able to be in a few new churches. We also had the privilege of attending a Pastor's Fellowship meeting in Morgansville, VA. It was a great time of preaching, fellowship and food. We have been encouraged to see these churches continue to be faithful in preaching the Word and staying strong.



In July, Logan, Cody and Nicole took a group of our Sunday School children down to Wellington, two hours south. They joined with another Independent Baptist Church for a fun time of games, food, fellowship and a Bible lesson. We were so excited to hear that four of our kids got saved. Praise the Lord!! Our Children's program has been growing in the last year and we are excited in what the Lord is doing in this area.

We started August back in Virginia visiting our home church, Midlothian Baptist Church, and a few supporting churches in the Richmond area, before heading to Maryland as well as North & South Carolina. What a blessing it was to be in these churches and see the work they are doing for the Lord. We then had the opportunity to spend a few days with Debbie's brother and his family in Havelock, NC. Please pray for them as their home took on quite a bit of damage during the recent hurricane. We were also able to attend the Carolinas Pastor's Fellowship just north of Ft. Mill, SC. It was also a great time of preaching, food, and fellowship. We then headed up to Pittsburgh, PA to meet up with our daughter and her family, who will be traveling with us for a month. From the end of April until the end of August we have travelled 17,000 miles.

On August 20th, our daughter Erin, her husband Rundell, and our newest granddaughter Hadassah, joined us. Rundell had never been to America before and so he was anxious to travel with us. This was the first time Guy saw Hadassah and he was really looking forward to it. We all traveled through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Atlanta as we visited churches and saw the Ark attraction. We then flew to Colorado to visit a supporting church and two new churches, before flying to Seattle. We were blessed by these churches and their faithfulness, and it was also a real blessing to have Erin, Rundell & Hadassah travel with us.

Logan (our son) is doing a great job overseeing the work in New Zealand. In August he took our men to the Faithful Men's Prayer Retreat in Whangarei, 9 hour north. There were 57 men in attendance.

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