



THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

TAKING THE SOUL-SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD



FOXTON THANKSGIVING FEAST

Happy Holidays from the Moshers and Joneses!

God is doing some great things in New Zealand. We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for you.

New and Ongoing Studies

Jane, Ana, and Francis

The Porirua church has had a booth in the local market a couple times now. We and the Joneses have been busy with the contacts we gained through that effort. One of the families that we

met at the market was Jane and her two children, Ana (female) and Francis (male). They requested more information about the church and free Bible studies, both of which we have happily provided. We have been going to their house on Monday evenings and sharing the good news about Christ with them. We have really enjoyed our time with them, and we know God will be able to do great things through them.

Raj

Another contact we made through the market was Raj. John has kept great contact with Raj ever since we met him. He lives just one street over from the Joneses. This past Thursday, Raj invited John and me to begin Bible studies with him and his wife, Olpa. John did a great job leading the first study, and we look

forward to studying with them more and developing our relationships with them.

Malou and Ivan

Malou is a Christian from the Philippines. Her husband, Ivan, has Catholic roots, but he is searching for the truth. A couple weeks ago, we invited Ivan and Malou to our home to share a meal so that we could get to know them better. While they were over, we played the Bible version of Cranium. A few times Ivan said something like, "I really need to brush up on my Bible knowledge." He admitted that he was not raised to believe "what Malou believes," but he is interested. Of course, I saw the door that the Lord opened, and I offered a Bible study. He accepted with enthusiasm. This past Thursday evening was our first study with them. Malou is excited to engage with her husband on a

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Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm. John 18:36.

spiritual level. Ivan is a great student with lots of questions. We have another study scheduled with them for next Thursday.

Ongoing

We are still continuing our studies with Christians in the area to develop and ground their faith. The consistent ones are Danny, Kai, Janny, and June, but we also get the ad hoc ones every now and then when a specific need arises.

Loss of Contact

The Joneses and we have begun to encounter the end-of-the year contact loss. Many of our contacts, whether personal Bible study students or Bible correspondence students, have gone missing. When we visit their houses, they are not home. When we ring, there is no answer. And when we text, there is no response. Unfortunately, we have learned this is typical for the end of the year. Hopefully, that means we will pick up these contacts again at the beginning of the year, or at least when business and school starts back to normal.

Church Activities

Sausage Sizzle

On the 9th of November, the Porirua church hosted a free sausage sizzle in Mungavin Park (across the street and around the corner from where the church meets). We met many people from the community and gave lots of Bible study material away.

Youth Group

We had some fun youth group activities in November, including a pirate-themed party and a 90s flashback night. Many more activities are planned and are being planned.

Philippines Relief

Most of you know of the devastating storms that hit the Philippines last month. The death toll was more than 5,000, and those who lost homes were in the tens of thousands. The Porirua and Wellington churches were blessed to be able to send some funds to the Philippines through the Midtown church in Baguio City to pay for medicine and construction supplies. The Midtown church is doing a great job in representing Christ.

In addition to the church efforts, many individuals and families have been taking things into their own hands to contribute even more. The Gawe family (active Philippine family in the Wellington church) hosted a suburb-wide garage sale that I was able to help with. It was a great success, and the Gawes donated all the earnings to the needy in the Philippines.

Thanksgiving

The Foxton crew has done it again! Like last year, the brethren up north hosted a Thanksgiving meal to make us Americans get a taste of home. We are so very happy and thankful to be in New Zealand, but turkey and pumpkin pie are surely missed throughout the rest of the year! It was great to fellowship with the forty-or-so Christians who were there. Thanks to Jeana O'Donnell and the rest of the crew up north for all of your hard work!

Upcoming Youth Rally

Details are still coming together, but we hope to fill you in on some upcoming youth rally events the churches in New Zealand are organising. Pray for God's hand in this. We hope to report on answered prayers next month.



MUNGAVIN PARK SAUSAGE SIZZLE



GAWE GARAGE SALE FOR THE PHILIPPINES



"DOWNTOWN" FOXTON



BEACH PHOTO SHOOT WITH THE JONESES

Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice. John 18:37.

Visits

Kris

One of the Christian members of the Palmerston North youth group, Kris Warby, came down to the Wellington area for a couple weeks to get some hands-on evangelistic experience. He probably didn't know all of what he was getting himself into. He stayed with John and Erin for a week and with us for a week. We all took him to various Bible studies, we conducted our own studies with him to ground some of his faith, and we did what we could to be good Christian examples.

At the beginning of his stay with us, I joked with Kris and another Christian that Kris would be preaching the following Sunday. We laughed it off,

and then I thought about it seriously. When I asked him, Kris was keen on giving it a shot. He and I spent much of his week at our house developing a sermon and working on his delivery. On Sunday morning, he was picked up, and he worshiped with the church in Lower Hutt, where he delivered his first sermon, proving to us all what he was capable of. He did a great job. We hope he is encouraged to keep growing in this manner.

Visit Up North

The Foxton church invited me to preach for them on the 1st of December, the day after the Thanksgiving event. I was grateful to be able to accept and deliver. Stephen and Hannah Higley hosted us for the

night, so we didn't have to make the trip twice in two days. The church in Foxton meets in the afternoon, so in addition to preaching for the Foxton church, I also taught the adult Bible class in Palmerston North on that Sunday morning.

Conclusion

The weather in New Zealand has been getting warmer and warmer (with its occasional lapses). I have taken advantage of the good weather by letterboxing a lot in the past two weeks. I plan to do more next week. The church also plans to have a booth in the Porirua market again soon, which should help us gain more prospective Bible study students.

We're looking forward to some good visits from a friend and family members in the coming months. In January, Mark Lance, one of our elders from the Chalmette church, is planning to stay a few weeks with us to help and evaluate the work. In February, Kristen's parents plan to visit us for a couple of weeks. What a blessing it will be to see them all!

We pray that your love and efforts are reaching people with the gospel in your area. Pray for us, while we endeavor to do the same. God bless you.

Keep serving Him,



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