

# THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

Taking the soul-saving Gospel to a lost and dying world



**SILAS DAVID IS HERE!**  
17 JULY 2014, 1:56 PM  
8 POUNDS, 11 OUNCES  
20.5 INCHES

## Rejoice in the Lord always!

We are a blessed family of three! Thank you to all who are praying for us and financially supporting us. We could not do this without you.

### **SILAS DAVID**

The details of Silas' birth are above. We have been very blessed to have this new "bundle of joy" in our lives. Of course, we have also been tested and deprived of sleep, but he is oh so worth it!

### **RUTH'S BAPTISM**

Ruth was contacted during our campaign in May/June. While the campaigners were here, she went through two personal Bible studies and attended a couple nights of the gospel meeting. After the campaign, John and Erin continued studying with her. Her family is involved in mysticism, and they do not believe in Christ. Since

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she lives with her family that does not approve of the Bible, she has had to sneak around in order to pursue her love of Christ.

One day, while John and Erin were on the road, she texted them saying she was ready to obey the gospel as soon as possible. Since the Joneses were away, I was able to assist in her baptism. The heaters in the pool were broken, so the water was about the same temperature as it was outside during this midwinter day. Though the water was nearly freezing, when she came up from the baptism, Ruth stood in the water weeping. She was so thankful that Christ was able to fulfill His promise to write her name in the book of life.

Since her baptism, it has been very difficult for Ruth. Her family has been deleting our contact information from her phone and "borrowing" her car when it was time for the church assembly. Please pray for this new Christian as she tries to live faithfully in very difficult circumstances.

### **RISTA'S BAPTISM**

Rista was also contacted during the campaign. On the day that her door was first knocked, she was resting and trying to defeat the flu. Since she lives just down the road from us, we were able to quickly bring her some warm soup to help her recovery. We later learned that she had been praying for God to send to her His family so that she could serve with them. We're all convinced that our meeting Rista was an answer to her prayers and ours.

It's rare to see someone so hungry for the truth of God's word. In her many years of Bible belief, Rista had been taught to arbitrarily read the Bible and apply every single passage to herself. I can completely understand, as I was taught the same thing. When we encouraged Rista to start looking at the Bible as a directional book written with purpose in mind, and not some book of random, pithy sayings, the "lightbulbs" came on. Right away, she wanted to study and dig deep into the word to make up for lost time. We spent about twenty hours in study with Rista the first three weeks we were getting to know her. She was baptized into Christ on 22 July. Since then, she has continued in study with us and other Christians, been meeting with the church every Sunday, asking for more opportunities to serve, and inviting her friends and neighbours to Bible study.

### **ONGOING STUDIES**

#### **ANA AND INGA**

We have studied with Ana and Inga almost every week since they contacted us through the Porirua church's website. Ana has also been studying with the "Jehovah's Witnesses." However, this past week, we studied about the pattern of sound words in the Scripture and the reality and problem of false teaching (and how to recognise it). Originally, when Ana accepted the study time with the JW's, she said she was looking for a religion that was "right for her family." Now, by her own observation of Scripture, she realises that God only set up one religion, and to change that would be to add or take away from Scripture and God's plans. Overall, Ana and Inga are really enjoying the Bible studies, and they keep asking for more. They admit that the challenge is not just the accumulation of knowledge, but the application of that knowledge. Most of us would completely agree with that!



**RUTH'S BAPTISM**



**RISTA'S BAPTISM**



**FAMILY PHOTO**



**OUR CURIOUS BOY**

## NIA AND TUSI

We continue to study with Nia and Tusi, our neighbours, every week. They are thoroughly enjoying the studies and are accepting God's truth as we encounter it. Last week, we started a study on repentance, where I had to warn them that this is where the "rubber meets the road." Are they willing to allow God's word to truly shape their lives? We pray so.

Nia and Tusi have been enjoying the studies so much that Tusi invited his cousins, Tia and Dora, to join in. They, too, have really enjoyed the lessons and continue to come back for more.

## ALYSSA

The studies with Alyssa are progressing fairly well, at least as covering material goes. Lately, I have been focusing a lot on the commitment to allow God's word to *change* our lives for eternity. Of course, I have always included that aspect in the studies, especially as the student begins to count the cost and consider true repentance. However, more and more, I see the power of the devil sucking people back into the world after conversion to Christ. We must show our friends how coming to Christ is a life-long commitment. That's what I will be studying with Alyssa very soon.

## FORWARD IS BACKWARD

One thing you have probably heard when trying to speak to people in your community is, "We have our own church." Of course, we receive that response in Porirua, too. Though I don't completely understand that response, I assume it's meant to sound like, "Don't worry about us; we also believe in the Bible." But then, it's assumed that the conversation is over and the opportunity is gone. Does that mean we shouldn't study together? If we both believe in the Bible, and we live in the same town, why don't we already know each other? Faith in our Saviour should be the thing that binds us together, not a reason to close the door on me. Unfortunately, it has become taboo to discuss faith.

There are dozens and dozens of different churches meeting in Porirua. Bible believers use that as an excuse not to study the Bible. Non-believers use that as an excuse to not believe (John 17:21-23). We're attempting to do something about this problem. John Jones and I began a project called "Forward Is Backward." We're challenging this generation to go back to a time before there were denominations. The project is not limited to Porirua, either. Feel free to look at the website: [www.forwardisbackward.org](http://www.forwardisbackward.org). I would love to hear feedback.

## FAMILY UPDATE

In a few weeks, the three Mosheres will be driving up to Auckland to report Silas' birth to the USA. He will then be issued a social security number and passport. Many have asked if Silas is a New Zealand citizen. Children are granted the same residency/citizenship their parents have at the time of birth. That means that Silas will not be a citizen, but he will be here on a visa just like us.

Like we said in the previous newsletter, Lord willing, we will be in the States in December 2014 and January 2015. If you would like us to come and visit you and your assembly, please email us. We will do our best to work it into our schedule.

Thanks for everything, brethren. We love you with the love of the Lord.

Keep serving Him,

*Lance, Kristen, and Silas Mosher*

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