

Dear praying friends,



People's Baptist, Centerville, IA



Berean Baptist, Rockford, IL

Hello, from Ashburton, New Zealand! As you read this edition of our prayer letter, we are celebrating our first month in New Zealand. It is hard to imagine we have already been here four weeks. It has been a very profitable time thus far, and we anticipate learning and accomplishing much more during the remainder of our stay.

Promise Fulfilled

We had a wonderful finish to the month of March before leaving the States. We were able to visit some of our supporting churches in the Midwest. We also visited **People's Baptist Church** in Centerville, IA.

Pastor Mark Swanson from **Berean Baptist** in Rockford, IL graciously took us the airport to catch our flight for New Zealand, Monday April 8th. The night before Berean Baptist gave us an unexpected send-off offering for our trip. **This offering**

made the total amount given towards our trip 108% of our goal! We are extremely grateful to Berean Baptist for this gift, and to all of you who have made this trip possible.

God has used you to prove His faithfulness to us! **Where God guides, He will provide!**

Flight to New Zealand

Our trip to New Zealand was uneventful for the most part. We had a slight delay in Chicago, but this helped break up the long layover we were anticipating in Los Angeles. We arrived in Christchurch as scheduled on time -with all of our luggage.



The house and van we are using



New church logo



Amy cutting labels for John and Romans

Letter-boxing

We will also be preparing several thousand John and Romans to be used for letter-boxing the Ashburton District. The church has been working to provide every home in the district with a John and Romans and an invitation to their services. Not all of these are ready for delivery and more need to be prepared before the project can be accomplished.



Jeff Williams and his family

Please pray we will be able to complete these projects while we are here.

Gaining Insight

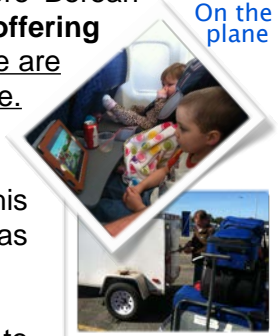
We have already gained a lot of information that will help us in our future ministry here in New Zealand. David was able to meet missionary Jeff Williams and his family a few weeks after we arrived. Jeff has spent over twenty years doing church planting work in New Zealand. In that time, he has planted three independent Baptist churches. David was able to learn a lot from Jeff's experience. His insight will be a tremendous help to us as we plan for our future ministry.

New Zealand Contact Info

For those of you who would like to contact us while we are in New Zealand, our mailing address is: **23 Allison St., Allenton 7700, Ashburton New Zealand.** You can also contact us by email. Please remember to use the new email address in our letterhead. Thank you for praying us!

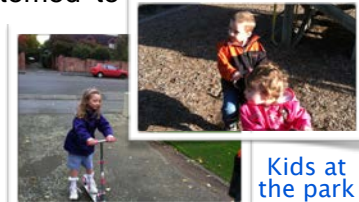


108%
Funds for NZ trip



On the plane

Loading up in Christchurch

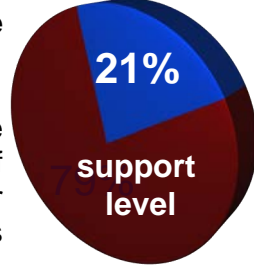


Kids at the park

Abi' riding her scooter



David teaching the Bible in School's class



21%
support level



The girls with a Kea parrot at the Kiwi Wildlife Bird Park

Reaching Kiwis for Christ,

David Smith