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The Smith Family
Dear Prefix Last Name and Company,

Spring 2015

We truly appreciate all of you praying for us. Since our last letter, we continue to wait in the States for Maryann's visa. We are very thankful for all of you praying for this. The second week of March, New Zealand Immigration requested more information regarding Maryann's speech delay. We have submitted an additional report from Maryann's speech therapist to Immigration, and we are, once again, waiting on their response. On average, Immigration has been taking 4-5 weeks to reply to each new piece of information we submit. We anticipate this request to be similar, but we are praying it will come much sooner. Please pray with us in this matter.

Pray Maryann's visa will be approved soon.

This latest request is in no way a denial of Maryann's visa. Our immigration adviser, as well as other missionaries experienced with Immigration, have advised us this is a normal request in the application process. The fact that all our other visa's have been approved, especially Andrew's, along with several other factors, make it very unlikely Maryann's visa would be denied at this point. We are confident it is not a matter of "if" but "when" Maryann's visa will be approved.

We rest knowing all of this is in God's hands. He is Sovereign. But we also know Satan will not allow the work of God to go forward without opposition. God allows these tests in order to increase our faith. As James chapter one says, "The trying of our faith worketh patience," and we will "let patience have her perfect work," that we "may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." We acknowledge "our lack of wisdom, and in faith, not wavering, ask God to give us wisdom." **Please pray with us and for us in this way.**

Calvary Baptist, Whangarei

Our church family in Whangarei continues to wait with us through this process. David continues to do the Sunday services by Skype. David is teaching on the Fruits of the Spirit in the Adult Sunday School, and preaching through the book of Ephesians on Sunday morning. We are grateful to have this ability, despite it's limitations. Several of our members are facing health issues, and we desire to be there with them. We are also planning some special services in the month of April for Easter and ANZAC Day. **Please pray we will receive Maryann's visa in time to be in Whangarei for these services.** Despite our absence, "the word of God is not bound," (2Tim 2:9). **One of our men was privileged to lead a soul to Christ this month.** We praise the Lord for this!

Meetings

While waiting for Maryann's visa, we have had opportunity to be in some of our supporting churches. On March 1st, we were at **Faith Baptist in Meadows of Dan, VA**. March 13-15 we were at **Calvary Baptist in Hendersonville, NC**. Saturday night of this meeting gave us a unique opportunity as we conducted Hendersonville's Saturday evening service and Whangarei's Sunday morning service **simultaneously** over Skype. It gave Calvary in Hendersonville, an exceptional view of their faith promise at work. We are thankful for their faithful support.



New Zealand Student visa



David preaching by Skype in Hendersonville



Sunday school series



Faith Baptist, Meadows of Dan, VA

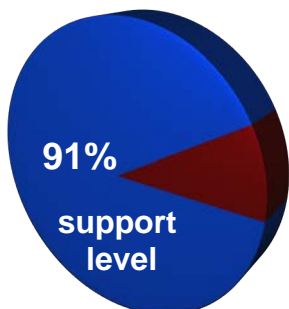


Easter Sunday is the day we set aside to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us for this special Sunday service, 10:00 am the 5th of April. We hope you will join us! There will be special singing, preaching, and a gift for every visitor who attends.

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Service Times:
Adult Sunday school -10:00am
Worship service -11:00am

Easter Sunday invitation flyer



Thank you again for all your faithful prayers and support. We know God is in control, and He "which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

Reaching Kiwis for Christ,

David Smith



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Please continue to pray for Maryann's visa.

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