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BRETT AND JENNY—BRINGING HOPE TO NEW ZEALAND

February 2026

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from New Zealand!

Prayer Requests

Salvation of Samantha

For our teens as they deal with peer pressure, to remain faithful to the Lord

For visitors to come as a result of our door knocking and letterboxing efforts

For the several discipleships we are engaged in to have an impact in the lives of the students.

For the Lord to provide property and or a building for us to have a permanent place to meet

That God would save 10 souls in 2026.

Wisdom and balance as we shepherd the church, teens, young adults, and other ministry areas.

Our resident visa application process and approval.

Guidance and fruitfulness in the growing teen ministry.

Continued unity and spiritual growth within the church.

Jenny and I are grateful for all that the Lord has done over the past several months here in Ashburton at Victory Baptist Church. We have had several months that have been fulfilling and at times, non-stop busy, yet the Lord has been gracious. He has strengthened us, encouraged us, and allowed us to see His hand at work in the life of His church.

We are constantly reminded that the work of the Lord here in Ashburton is not because of our strength, abilities, or efforts — it is His Spirit working through us. Every soul saved, every baptism, every ministry opportunity is the result of God’s power, not ours. As the Lord said:

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6

Several times throughout the year, Jenny hosts a ladies’ fellowship at Victory Baptist Church. In November, the ladies enjoyed an afternoon of painting large wooden Christmas trees and ornaments. It was a sweet time of creativity, laughter, and encouragement. That same month, we also held our annual Pie & Praise service: a special service where our church family sang together and shared testimonies of the Lord’s goodness throughout 2025. It was a wonderful reminder of God’s faithfulness to us.

In previous years, we had a Christmas banquet for the adults, while the teens and children enjoyed their own activities in another room. This year; however, we decided to bring everyone together for a church-wide game night. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship for everyone. One very special moment came when several of our Filipino families surprised me with a full roasted pig, prepared as a gift of appreciation. Their kindness and thoughtfulness were a tremendous blessing to us.

There were two events in January that were especially encouraging for Jenny and me. The first was family camp. There were churches from all over the south island that attended camp. During this time, we were refreshed and strengthened through the preaching time and time of fellowship with other believers.

Jenny also hosted a Ladies Movie Night that was very well attended. The ladies were made comfortable by sitting in bean bag chairs and soft pillows and blankets. They enjoyed an abundant charcuterie board along with other snacks while watching Anne of Green Gables.

There are several events that have been the highlight of the year so far. One of those events came on Sunday evening, 1 February, we rejoiced during a Baptism

Service where 9 individuals followed the Lord in believers baptism. Those were the first that I have baptized and that event was one of the most exciting and encouraging moments in our ministry.

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In March we are hoping to baptize 4 more who have been saved. Wednesday night 11 February, a young man who has been attending Victory for several months trusted Christ after the service. What a privilege to lead a soul off the wide path that leads to destruction to the narrow path that leads to life! We praise the Lord for His saving power!

Looking ahead, we have several important opportunities: on 27 February, we will host the first annual “Men’s Steak Out” for the men of our church. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of food and fellowship.

Beginning in March, we are stepping in to lead the Teen Ministry. We are seeking wisdom as we teach, build relationships, and begin a dedicated teen Sunday School class.

The South Island Ladies Retreat is coming up in March, and we would ask that you please pray for preparation, safety, and spiritual impact.

As we look at what God *has* done and *is* doing here in Ashburton, we are reminded that this is not our work alone. Every soul saved, every baptism, every lesson taught, and every step forward is fruit that abounds to your account as you pray and give. Your partnership strengthens our hands and steadies our hearts. Please continue to stand with us in prayer as we labor to see Christ exalted and lives transformed in New Zealand. We truly are laborers together with you for the Gospel. Thank you once again for your faithful prayers and financial support of our ministry.

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Family Camp



1 February Baptism Service



Church Christmas Party

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