

THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

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



MONIQUE KNOPERT'S BAPTISM

Happy New Year!

We pray and expect that 2016 is full of soul-winning—both for you and us! We already have many exciting things planned for this year. Thanks for sticking with us in our journey.

MONIQUE'S BAPTISM

Another soul has been added to the Lord's church! Monique, daughter of Janny (baptized 2011), was baptized into Christ on 15 December. She has been attending and participating in Bible studies for several months now. Last month, she started asking John and me about baptism. After a study with John one afternoon, she went home and thought deeply about the lifelong commitment of Christianity. Soon afterward, she gave John a call, and we all headed to the pool! If you would like to send notes of encouragement, send them to:

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Monique is a teenager, and she is facing all the temptations teenagers face these days, so every note you send will make a significant impact on her faith and commitment.

NATE’S CREW

Have you ever been kicked out of a Bible study for using the Bible too much? John and I have. To make a long story short, in early November, John was invited to join a home “Bible study” group after Nate, the group’s leader, found out that John was a Bible teacher. This group is comprised of members of at least three local denominations. After the first meeting, Nate told John to bring along some friends, which he did.

It did not take long for us to realise that, though this was a “Bible study,” the group found authority in their feelings, “testimonials,” spur of the moment “prophecies,” and everything but the Bible. The teaching responsibility of the group rotated, and there was a lot of emphasis on discussion. Naturally, John and I took these opportunities to show them the power of the word of God in their own hands. We were making some really good progress with some of the members of the group. That was, until John received the phone call from Nate. Nate said that we were causing some discomfort in the group, because we based our teachings too much on the Bible.

Of course, we were very disappointed in being kicked out of the study, especially for the reason given. Though it was the truth that scared these people, I wish I would have been bold enough to clearly warn of the dangers of falsehood while we had the chance. Not all opportunity is lost, though. There was one member of their group, Jade, that was particularly excited about learning from the Bible. John and I recently tracked her down, and we hope to start studies with her later this month.

BOYDS

We welcome Daniel, Laura, and Carolaine Boyd to Wellington! The Boyds have moved from Tennessee to Wellington to edify the church and for Daniel to work as a pharmacist. It’s going to be a blessing having them work with the churches here.

ADVERTISEMENT

Last year, we received an email from Misty and Jeff Shocklee with a great offer. They are teachers with World Bible School, and they have been assigned New Zealand. They gave me their unique URL to their section of the website, encouraging me to advertise it as I see fit. The Porirua church has taken out four advertisement plaques in the local mall for the next three months. We hope it brings an influx of students to keep the Shocklees busy!

GROWING LEADERS

The Porirua church was blessed to hear Jay Pahetogia’s (baptized May 2014) first sermon last month. He preached on Matthew 6 and what Jesus teaches about fear and anxiety. He did a great job. Jay was the first person to tell us he would enrol into the Bear Valley Bible Institute if it were planted in Wellington. We look forward to watching Jay develop in his leadership ability, as he has grown so much already.



JAY’S LESSON ON FEAR AND ANXIETY



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UPCOMING IN 2016

As mentioned above, we already have many exciting plans for 2016. They are:

- Fishers of Men evangelism training course (January - March)
- Various camps hosted by North Island churches (January - April)
- Visit from Kristen's parents (February - March)
- Visit and work by Betty Choate (April)
- Campaign with Sharps, Willises, Moores, and FHU students (May - June)
- Extended campaign with Zac Chrisman (May - July)
- Queen's Birthday Weekend Camp hosted by the Porirua church (June)
- Evangelism trip to Fiji (July)
- Prospective Bear Valley school plant (August)
- Teaching trip to Fiji (October)

...if the Lord wills.

CONCLUSION

As always, we must say that we could not be doing this work without you. We look forward to keeping you updated on what the Lord is doing in Porirua. Please continue to pray for us.

Keep serving Him.

Lance, Kristen, and Silas Mosher