

**Reaching Kiwis FOR CHRIST**  
in WHANGAREI, NEW ZEALAND

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Dear Pastor Broyhill and Calvary Baptist Church,  
It's been a busy past few months. God has been so good to us during our time in the States and our safe return home. We're eager to share with you what the Lord has done.

**Trip to the States**

Our trip to the States was blessed by the Lord in many ways. Our goal was to visit family and raise additional support. The Lord allowed us to see both of these goals met. We had **11 meetings** and drove **over 2,700 miles** while in the States. Along the way, we were able to report to some of our supporting churches, including one of our first supporting churches, **Crosspointe Baptist** in Freemont, NC. It was so encouraging to see how God is blessing this church. While in North Carolina, we stayed in the mission apartment at **Faith Baptist**, in Westfield, NC. Pastor Jones and his church family have welcomed us numerous times and their hospitality was a tremendous blessing! **Thank you, Faith Baptist church family.** We were able to reconnect with long-time friends and prayer partners. Two new churches, in particular, were **Crow**



*Pastor Varnell of Crosspointe Baptist*



*Crow Baptist, Beaver, WV*



**Baptist** in Beaver, WV and **Rescue Baptist** in Pilot Mtn, NC. Bro Rod Baker, who was David's youth pastor as a teen, is now the assistant pastor at Crow Baptist. It was great catching up with Bro Rod and his wife, Joy. Rescue Baptist is where several of our long-time prayer warriors now attend. It was so good to reconnect with these faithful saints and meet their church family.



*Longtime prayer partners, the Kindstedt's*



*New Richmond Baptist, Holland, MI*

**Iowa**

We finished our time in the States in Iowa. On our way, we presented our ministry at **New Richmond Baptist** in Holland, MI. We're very excited about this church's desire to expand their mission's ministry in the South Pacific in 2019. In Iowa, we spent time with Amy's family and the **Fellowship Baptist Church** family in Marshalltown. We also reconnected with one of our supporting churches, **Good News Baptist** of Cedar Rapids, IA, and presented our ministry to **Pleasantville Baptist** in Pleasantville, IA.

**New Supporting Churches**

Since our trip to the States, we have **four new supporting churches**. We're very excited to have **Faith Ind Baptist** in Magnolia, NC; **Meadows Baptist** in Walnut Cove, NC; **Woodland Baptist** in Winston Salem, NC; and **Grace Baptist** in Rural Retreat, VA joining us reaching Kiwis for Christ! This brings our **support level to 90%**. **Please pray other churches will join us this year.**

**Time with Family**

We were able to spend time with family in the States. Of course, it was the first time many of our family got to meet Sarah. This was a special blessing. The kids got to see many cousins they had not seen for a long time. We were also able to visit with my Dad after his recent hip surgery. **Please continue to pray for his recovery.** We left the States on January 1st and arrived home in Whangarei on the 3rd.

*Thank you for the Christmas gift of \$100. You are very generous, and it is greatly appreciated.*



*Brad and Robyn Cutforth*

**“Rejoice with those that rejoice . . . weep with those that weep”**

Our church family in Whangarei has faced several events the past few months. While we were in the States one of our dear saints, **Hester Squire**, went home to be with the Lord. She was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed. **Please pray for her husband, Sandy, and their family.** Despite being in the States, David was able to have a part in the funeral and that was a great encouragement to the family. January 9th, one of our long-time members, **Selwyn Leigh**, also left this world to receive his heavenly reward. Selwyn and his wife, Betty have been members of Calvary over twenty years. They have served in various ways and been a tremendous blessing.



*Selwyn and Betty Leigh*



*Sandy and Hester Squire*

David officiated Selwyn’s memorial service. **Please pray for the Leigh family as well.** The same week of Selwyn’s departure, our church celebrated the wedding of **Brad and Robyn Cutforth.** Brad is a young man who grew up in our church. He married a young lady from another independent Baptist church here in New Zealand where they now attend and serve faithfully. We’re very grateful for this couple.



*We made sure to bring some Marmite with us to the States. Most were skeptical of it, like these men from Pleasantville Baptist. But Bro. Andy from Good News Baptist, in Cedar Rapids, was delighted to see it.*



**Residency Visa Applications**

After returning to New Zealand we finalised our visa applications. We submitted our applications for our new visa’s this week. **Please be in prayer for these applications.** We won’t have an immediate decision on these, so please **make this a matter of continued prayer.**

*Reaching Kiwis for Christ,*

*David, Amy, Elizabeth, Abigail, Andrew, Maryann and Sarah*