

The Comstock Connection

Missionaries to New Zealand

Dear Praying Friends, February 2024

We thank you for all your prayers for us during the last few weeks. We appreciate your prayers so much! The reminder that God is good all the time, in death and in life, in hard times and in good, came to us almost a year since Zeke Piper's passing. LeAnna came close to going home to the Lord because, by the time the gallbladder surgery took place, it had perforated and was rotten. God's goodness is not changed because of our circumstances, and we are thankful for that. We are grateful for the Lord's protection and healing.

Before all the drama at the end of the month, we had a fairly fun and eventful beginning of the new year, including a belated kids Sunday school party, an engagement celebration for Caitlin and her fiancé Limuel (their wedding is scheduled for November 2024), and of course, for the baptisms that took place. And during LeAnna's hospital stay, three came forward to become members of our church. We praise God for growing this church.

After a long year last year without any real break, we decided to get away for just over a week. After checking dates with the Pipers, we settled on leaving after church on January 13. The Lord had closed the door to another holiday home (called a bach in NZ) that would have put us in the wop wops (the middle of nowhere), and we saw why just a few days into our holiday. LeAnna started to feel ill on the evening of the 17th, but nothing other than some tightness in her stomach area and no pain. To make a long story short, this continued until the 22nd when she began to feel worse, and after talking with a nurse, we decided to go to the hospital in Palmerston North, which was only a 30-minute drive. After several hours, she had been put on pain medication, had bloodwork and tests and scans, and it was determined that her gallbladder needed to come out. After a hard surgery, they cleaned up as much as they could and removed a massive gallstone (reported to be the size of a duck egg) and moved LeAnna to recovery. She spent from January 22-29

in the hospital, and we are thankful that she is recovering.

Since returning home, our son Jared passed his learners driving test, so now we have two we must teach to drive, although Rebekah is almost ready to take her restricted license test, which will mean she can drive alone some. Her goal is to take this test before her 18th birthday in April.

Our deck has now been dismantled. We so appreciated the Pipers and their family's help to do this. We knew the deck was rotting, but we were shocked at the supports once we took the top boards off. We are waiting on final numbers so that we can order wood, and we have a crew on standby for early March to rebuild the deck. Thank you to all who the Lord laid it on your hearts to give toward this project. We are excited to finish it and share pictures.

A fellow pastor that we know organized a Couples River Cruise and Picnic in February near Valentines Day. We enjoyed attending, and it was relaxing to have some time together. When times are hard and you are both grabbing onto God, he draws you together. Every moment that God gives with your spouse is special, because we do not know how long we have here on earth.

Please pray for a sweet couple in our church named Eugene and Ruth. Eugene has cancer and is having surgery on February 19 to have it removed, but he then will have a long recovery and then treatments. Their daughter Shailyn has become one of Rebekah's close friends. It was a blessing to help them recently when they allowed our church family to do some yardwork for them since he needs to take it easy.

Please pray for the Pipers and their family as this month marks a year since Zeke's passing. We were blessed to see Lydia's family and meet their new baby, Titus. They are using every opportunity to share Christ. Please pray for us as we share the gospel with the lost here in NZ. There are so many souls we would love to see come to Christ.

Serving the Lord in New Zealand,

*Craig & LeAnna Comstock
Rebekah, Jared & Kalyssa*

Prayer Requests:

1. Salvation needs: Chris, Pete, Krishna, Justin, Annie, Gary, Sheng Yu and so many more...
2. 2024's upcoming activities
3. Deck project in March
4. Youth camp in April with Brent Sivnksty
5. Dual citizenship applications to be sent in during February/March
6. That 2024 would bring spiritual growth to our church that would result in more going and telling of our Saviour's love and grace

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Kids Sunday School party



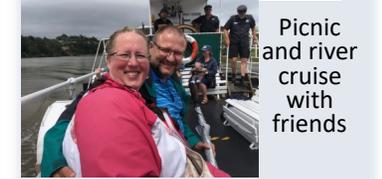
Church family at the engagement celebration



Recovery in hospital



Deck removal finished



Picnic and river cruise with friends



Helping out Eugene before his surgery

