

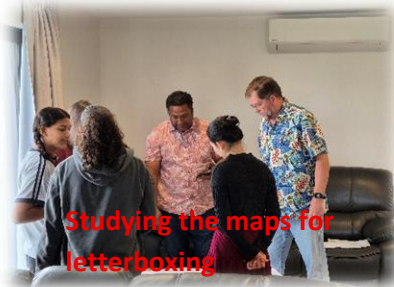
From the Groves to New Zealand

“For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins.” I Corinthians 15:16,17

We are just a few days from celebrating Easter Sunday. We, as Independent Baptists, know that we meet every Sunday because of the Resurrection, but this is the day the world recognizes it... or do they? How many people around us know that it is The Most Important Event in History!?

We are praying that at least 2,000 households have a knowledge of this fact today. With the help of another church from Christchurch, we were able to distribute

2,000 flyers with specific information about why Jesus is so Important! Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of the people who receive these flyers, prompting them to be in church Sunday morning. And even if they do not attend our church, pray that they will act upon the Gospel presentation they have received.



Studying the maps for letterboxing

Over the last two months we have consistently had five other people join us each Sunday, as well as at least one visitor every Sunday morning except one. Last Sunday we had two teenage girls visit with Rona, our pianist. After the service Rona asked them if they understood the Gospel, explained it clearly, and they both prayed to accept Christ as Saviour! They seem excited to come again and we are trying to get them involved with some teen activities.

Since January we have letterboxed all of Amberley twice, as well as 4 other small villages within our District: Waipara, Waikari, Hawarden, and Leithfield. We have had some very good visits with people as we walked the streets. Please pray that hearts will be drawn by the need to hear solid Bible preaching in a Christ-honouring New Testament Baptist Church setting.

One of our attendees comes to our service after attending early mass at the Catholic Church. She doesn't agree with much of what is taught there, but she continues to attend because she is in her 80's and is considered one of the "respected elders" in the church. She fears the conflict that would arise if she left. She told one of our church



Our building and Welcome flag

folks, "We needed a church like this (CBC) in our town years ago!" We pray she will make the break from the Catholic church – it may be just the "conflict" many need to get them to go where they can hear the truth!

Please pray for our health as we enter the fall and winter season. I (Mike) am just getting over a 2-week bout with a virus of some kind. Sickness has been plentiful in the community.

Thank you again to all who pray for us and give sacrificially to help us begin this ministry! Just last week we had an email from another church that voted to take us on for support! God continues to provide! We pray God will bless you and that we will see eternal blessings from this endeavour!



Stephen and Kayla sing "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Because of Christ,

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"The Last Sunday" Shared Lunch



Crossroads Baptist Church's first trip to the South Island Ladies' Retreat Nancy started



Exploring with Stephen and Kayla when they visited.



Stephen and Kayla gave us Blueberry bushes for our garden.

