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"Kia-Ora" Saints:

This has been another great month in the Lord. Two young men that were saved last month have been attending regularly and get this...they are now bringing two new visitors with them. I love it. We also have another family of five attending, Clair and Darryl, with their three boys. They have been attending both Sunday and mid-week services. On Wednesday evenings we are having a six week relationship series on the family. The messages have been well attended. The youth outreach continue to be very stable from week to week with an attendance of 20-35. Pray for these young people (ages 13-16). They need the Lord. In closing I want to introduce a member of our congregation. Your support has been a significant part of where we are today. We thank the Lord for you...God Bless. Brother Max

Meet Ann Bennett:



I have always known about God's love for me. I had the privilege of growing up in a God fearing and loving family. However, knowing is one thing while believing and embracing God's love and grace is another. Growing up in a Church doesn't necessarily mean you are saved and have become a Christian. At the age of about 7 yrs old I accepted Christ into my heart and asked for His forgiveness of my sins, but then I drifted along making no real changes in my life, not allowing God to direct my path and take control.

I left school at the end of High School and started studies to be a laboratory technician and then going on to study for a bachelor of nursing. In my second year of nursing, I met my husband Tony and we married towards the end of my third year of nursing studies. Tony gave his heart to the Lord, which was fantastic, but I continued to

drift somewhat in faith and direction. We had two beautiful fantastic children, Isabella and Caleb. Throughout this time, we attended several churches but continued to feel quite lost and unattached to the things of God. Tony had some pretty rough patches with depression and I did my best to help him, but was really worn out by it.

The turning point was Tony's last "battle" with depression. God placed into our lives a life-line in the form of an invitation to church from Tony's boss, Brandon Max. From the first time I attended, I could feel the hand of God again on my heart and life. The sense of God's family which had sorely been lacking for many years was restored, and the depth of teaching spoke to my drifting soul.

Almost two years ago, Tony and I were both baptized and became members of the Lighthouse Church. I have learned so much, and have been amazingly blessed. God's grace and love has begun a great work in my life to mould me into the kind of person that he would have me to be. He has given me a completely new direction. Everyday I endeavor to give Him control, to take my hands from the steering wheel, and trust Him so that the feelings of imbalance are replaced with God's purpose.

Jeremiah 29:11... "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."