

# KIWI NEWS

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## New Zealand



Greetings ... and a long overdue catch up on the happenings here. Actually I mainly want to catch you up on the most exciting of all things ... Kingdom growth.

I mentioned in my last report (yes a little while back) that Gill & I had started studying with Mark & Suzanne. They were the photographer's at Emma & Brad's wedding. They have been to church a number of times and want to become members so we started looking at their discipleship and response to Jesus. After a few studies Suzanne asked about "christening" as they had not followed their family tradition of having their son James christened. So naturally that leads to a study on baptism passages after which Suzanne said .... "well I know what I need to do".



**Suzanne's Baptism**

At that stage Mark was not (quite) ready but definitely processing everything. Our study next moved onto the gospel of Mark and we have got as far as chpt 5. (A couple of side points .... Suzanne is a Classics teacher and I have enjoyed hearing her observe how the gospel literature in some ways resembles other ancient literature. Also Suzanne has just today finished her first part time course at SPBC – Scheme of Redemption which she thoroughly enjoyed). Anyway, back to the main story, in the

meantime as we continue to study the gospel of Mark, Mark himself has been convicted by the Spirit it is time for him to now put on Jesus as Lord.



**Mark's Baptism**

It has been a thrill, no a blessing, for our family to be so involved in God's redemptive stories. SPBC graduate Marcelo (from Chile) was the one God first used to bring our future son in law Brad to church. Brad and Emma choose Mark and Suzanne as wedding photographers, which in turn lead to personal friendship and coming to church. Their son James attends Kindergarten with Noah and so Nick and Rebecca also built a friendship and following that Gill & I were able to and will continue to study with them.

Speaking of Nick and Rebecca, over the last year they have been developing a friendship with Dallas & Derek. That has lead them to coming to their T Group (midweek bible classes) and sometimes to church and then to a personal study as well. Dallas has now decided to be baptised and we pray Derek will follow sometime soon.



**Dallas's Baptism**

## SPBC



The theme of Kingdom growth continues ... Bobby and Lonisa come to us from Fiji where they will return to help serve and lead the church in Bobby's village. However Lonisa has come from a Catholic background and hasn't yet been baptised. She attended Bobby Deason's class on Leadership and after experiencing a foot washing from the teacher went home and studied all night long with her husband Bobby ... after which she said .... "what stops me from being baptised now"?



**Lonisa's Baptism**

For further SPBC news please see attached the most recent SPBC Report Attached.

## Missions

You guessed it .... More Kingdom growth stories. Just in this week is the latest update from Graduates Marcelo and Matraca in La Serena, Chile. They report of the Easter baptism of Kayla and fellow SPBC graduate Brianna was visiting for a month and put this video together. <https://vimeo.com/160666920>



**Kayla's Baptism**