



# The Fentons

## SERVING IN NEW ZEALAND



### PRaises



*We had the privilege of briefly filling in for this church's furloughed missionary family.*



*Our church plant singing carols between our reading and discussion of the Christmas story.*



*A sneak peak at Lisa's book cover*

We are so grateful for your ongoing prayer support. Here are some answers to prayer:

- During the last quarter of 2022, Lisa and I were able to minister in two churches with missionaries on furlough. Both missionary families have had a number of challenges in the last while, and really needed a furlough. But furloughs can be hard on church plants. We are thankful God has given us as part of our present ministry the opportunity to help support these

church planters by stepping into their ministries for a short time.

- In our own church plant we had a great Christmas season starting with putting some food baskets, with a gospel presentation included, for needy people in our community. Our Christmas Day service was well-attended, including some of the adult children of our members. We have been praying for these young adults and are trusting God to continue a spiritual reawakening in their lives.

### PRayer REQUESTS

*Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you (2 Thessalonians 3:1)*

The above verse has meant so much to us over the years. We ask you to pray in this same vein with us for the work here in New Zealand.

- After years of Christians praying, our very liberal Prime Minister has resigned. While I'm sure she is a pleasant woman, her policies have been challenging for the churches here. Please pray that churches will now take full advantage of the pressure release we are enjoying presently.
- Please pray as Lisa and I continue to minister to burnt-out missionary and national pastor couples. These last two years have been very trying for those in church leadership. Please pray that God will use our ministry to these men and women of God to encourage and strengthen them in the work to which they have been called.
- Our 6-week trip to the South Island for furlough replacement has been moved back a month. Please pray as Lisa and I personally prepare for this trip, and as we prepare our church plant leaders for our absence. This will be the longest time we have been away from our church plant. Please pray for their spiritual strength.
- Please pray for Lisa in her cancer ministry. She is now an emotional support volunteer at our city's hospice. This is giving her the opportunity to support people at the end of their life, AND she has freedom to share the gospel! Please pray for her strength in this work.
- And finally...the re-write of Lisa's book, *My Gift of Cancer*, is just about finished. We will be publishing it through Amazon and hope to have it ready for purchase in March. Please pray that her book will again be used by the Lord to encourage, instruct, and share the gospel with people struggling through cancer.

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### Thank You!

We are so grateful for your faithful support and co-labouring with us here in NZ.

**Kurt & Lisa Fenton**