

KIWI NEWS

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2014 - I can't believe it ... maybe you can't either. I signed a check last week (don't do that very often now days everything is online) but wrote "2014". It seems like just yesterday we were worried about the new millennium!



Gill & Noah - Xmas Day

The Raine family are doing great. We had a very nice - albeit a quieter or more relaxed Christmas followed by our summer vacation time. Now it's back in the office and getting ready for the New Year, but let's catch up on some news and events.



Channell's Baptism

We could rename December the month of baptisms. We had two at the very of November (which I mentioned in the last report) but then 3 more in December. I am not sure why it happens that way but it seems like each one is

almost a catalyst for the next. SPBC student Matraca, along with others, have been a part of Channell's discipleship journey and helping her to come to know Jesus.



Brad's Baptism

In a similar way SPBC student Marcelo desired that through his playing soccer he could bring at least one person to know Jesus. While Brad had known of Jesus, his more recent life was not on that journey anymore. We have really enjoyed getting to know Brad, and his family, some of whom also come to church.

SPBC



The last class I taught was the book of Revelation. I love it how the last class of the two year program is also the last book of the bible - a very suitable if not perfect way to end their studies. As a part of the class, each student has to research 3 different aspects of apocalyptic speech, symbols or commonly misunderstood parts of the book.



Lucas (Switzerland) - New Heaven & Earth

Each student in turn presents one of these to the whole class. Overall I attempt to approach the book very creatively in a manner appropriate to the nature of the book itself. We use a lot of visualisation and some role plays towards the end help cement the symbolism.

We were very blessed to have Winston & Hong Nee Chong from Singapore come visit SPBC. Winston is an elder at the Pasir Panjang church, has a background in the corporate finance world and is also involved in the Bible School they run there.



Winston teaching on Christian Stewardship

One of the small blessings of living in New Zealand is the opportunity to share the beauty of God's creation with those who come to visit.



SPBC 1st Year Student - Raj (aka Hobbit?)

December saw the opening of the second of the Hobbit Trilogy movies released. About 30 minutes' drive from us is "Hobbiton" where the parts of the Hobbit village is filmed. We enjoyed a day out with the Chong's but I think Raj & Dea - students from the Philippine's - enjoyed it the most!