

# THE SANTOSO FAMILY

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## Praise reports...

- Safe furlough trips.
- Abigail's speedy recovery.
- More souls in the church.
- The revival in our church.
- Our first midweek gathering.
- God's current provision of community hall for midweek gathering.

## Prayer requests...

- A permanent building facility/ space for our Church in Central Auckland before June this year.
- God to raise up more godly leaders in our Church.
- 50 souls to come to know Christ in 2024.
- Salvation: Savaii, Conner, Gary, James, Yuuki, Mark, Zion, Esther, Matthew, Sione, Timur.
- God's Strength and wisdom upon us.

## Family corner...

The school year has started in a fury of excitement and busy-ness. Adeline is year 13 (her final year of high school). She is a leader in the school and currently involved in drama at a local theatre. She has just gotten her learner's permit so we are attempting driving lesson for #3. We are currently seeking a job for her.

Abby has started her new year with a classroom of 25 students. She is excited to be back in the classroom after her knee surgery. She has a follow up surgery scheduled for April 15 to remove the wires that corrected her broken knee cap. Praise the Lord, with much time and physiotherapy, she is making a good progress on her recovery.

Anna starts her last year of university in a few weeks. She has had a busy summer holiday working. She is continuing her job with after school care.

We thank the Lord for His blessing in our life. God is good all the time.

Greetings from the land of a long white cloud (Aotearoa),

We want to wish you all a blessed year in 2024. In the last quarter of 2023, Amy and I went on a short furlough for nine weeks. It was a very eventful furlough that we have never had. We visited fourteen supporting churches in four states in those nine weeks. We praise God for the opportunity to visit our supporting churches that we hadn't visited for over 15 years. We were very encouraged to see many brothers and sisters in Christ praying with us for the work of the ministry here in New Zealand. Four weeks into our furlough, we received a phone call from our oldest daughter, Abigail, that she had fallen and broken her kneecap in half. Of course, we tried to change Amy's ticket to fly back to New Zealand as soon as possible. A week later Amy was able to go back at the end of the fifth week to be with Abigail. Many people were praying for us as Amy posted this incident on her Facebook page. Our sending church in Florida sent Abigail a lovely flower and chocolates, and our Pastor made a special video call to encourage her. We are forever grateful for our loving Pastor and church.

Our church in Auckland, New Zealand, was very happy to see our return. During the short furlough, God used a few men in our church to preach and teach. While we were away, God added more souls to the church. Praise the Lord! We ended 2023 with a great Christmas celebration.

After Christmas through the middle of January, we had a few members in our church who travelled back to their home countries to visit their families. So we took our annual camping trip to the Mount for ten days to spend time alone with our children. We needed this downtime to rest and to be refreshed. As soon as we got back from our holiday, we had our annual church retreat for three nights during the long weekend. God did a marvellous work in our midst. Despite the challenges we faced during the retreat, the Spirit of God moved mightily; He called us to spend more time in prayer together as a church. So, the church leaders committed to praying together every Tuesday night. And we also commit our first-midweek gathering every month for praise and prayer. This is a new chapter in our church history. So far, we have seen answered prayers and revivals taking place in the hearts of His people.



A couple of weeks ago, we received news that we must find another facility for our church to meet. We have until the end of June to find a new place. Please pray with us as we pray for God to provide us with a permanent place to meet in central Auckland so we can reach more souls with the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers and support. You are making an eternal impact in New Zealand. We wish you God's best in all you do for His glory.