

KIWI NEWS

The Raine Family @ The South Pacific Bible College

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Greetings to all our friends, family and supporters. I want to thank you for your patience as there was no report for May. Sorry about that - and I hate to make excuses - but this past 2 months must be amongst my 'busiest' ever.

But first some good news ... Our son Jonathan has announced his engagement to Shawnean Wallace. They have been going out for a little over a year, and Shawnean is a second year student here at the College. They plan to marry on December 15 - two days after her graduation. - so we will be in for a event packed December.

Emma has now finished her first semester at University and by the time you read this will be into exams. She has found it very tough and is giving it her all. In NZ only the top 75 out of about 300 students get selected to continue in Vet studies so please keep her in your prayers.

On the home front Gill is finally getting the Lounge and dining room she wanted. We have had wallpaper falling off the walls for the last 8 years and at long last we have started redecorating these 2 rooms.

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At the beginning of the second term we had a new student (Leenette Hedriana) start her two year diploma. Leenette has come to us from the Philippines with her two children. Fortunately Leenette's mum lives in Tauranga so she has some home comforts and some support with her children. Keep her in your prayers as

Last week we had our annual international lunch and a time to share about our home countries. The food was great and included special dishes from Thailand, Zimbabwe, America and New Zealand. We also had some Australians that made a New Zealand dish and then tried very hard to take credit for it. We Kiwis recognized our own "Pavlova" dessert and were on to them very quickly. We set the record straight for the education of all the other students.

On another strange note, something must have been slipped into the drinking water just before the holiday because, when the students returned for the second quarter, another student was also engaged. Joshua Berry who is actually in his last term of the two year Diploma of Advanced Biblical Studies proposed to his long time friend Leticia Melgarejo who is an architect in Paraguay. After their marriage in December they plan to move to Thailand where Joshua will become an apprentice for a year under one of the local missionaries in Chiang Mai.

I mentioned a very busy period. I am presently teaching 3 classes here at the College as well as supervising Brooke in his practicum. More about my classes in the next report but for now I want to let you read a bit from Brooke as he accompanied us to the USA recently

... This year I was blessed by the Lord to have the opportunity to travel with Steve and Gill Raine and my beautiful wife Kelly to the United States of America. This was my first trip outside of NZ and for my wife the first as an adult and of course our first together so it was extra special.

The reason for this trip was to give me hands on experience in the field of worship leading, and teaching in Christian environments. While in the

on the 23rd of May).

All these men have been a blessing to me and it was great to share my life with them and to share in the days and lives of these worshipping warriors. I also led worship while I was in the States and gained a lot of experience.

Steve Raine and I teamed up and shared my testimony as part of his sermon. The brothers and sisters of the Lakewood congregation in Denver, and the Canyon View congregation in San Diego responded well to us both. I thought we were kind of like Batman and Robin. I also got to do a lot of plugging for the college and to be honest, I really enjoyed meeting new people and talking to them about the wonderful work that God is doing in New Zealand. God has truly continued to pour out his blessings over my wife and me. We are truly grateful for the work He has done in the lives around us to make the trip happen.

I have certainly gained a lot from the trip, and Kelly and I would now like to take what we have gained and continue to bless people by giving that blessing onto others. May we continue to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Amen.

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