



From the Baileys, serving in New Zealand

Dear Friends,

Greetings from crisp and beautiful Whakatane, New Zealand. It's winter here, so while most of you are enjoying a hot summer, I'm enjoying cool, crisp fall-like weather that leaves frost on the windshield and makes a coat necessary in the early morning hours. The sunshine warms things up during the day, and most afternoons, I'm able to shed the coat and enjoy the cool weather.

Patty is now out of the hospital, doing well, and hopes to join me in a couple of weeks. We would like to thank each of you for your prayers for her, and your support for our ministry. The Lord knows each need and has supplied every one through dear people like you, who stand by the stuff on the homefront. We pray for you daily, that God will bless you and draw you near to Himself as you seek to have clean hands and a pure heart.

New Zealand is a gorgeous country. The people here are so friendly and receptive. I haven't explored much outside of Whakatane just yet, but I hope to begin doing that in a couple of days when my daughter Tami, my son-in-law John, and my granddaughter Anna come for a visit. We hope to do some sightseeing, hiking and maybe even some biking while they are here. New Zealand is a peaceful land, and they truly enjoy the outdoors here.

Sonshine Baptist Church is doing very well. The deacons and I go out "letterboxing" each Tuesday evening. Yes, it is perfectly legal here to put gospel literature in mailboxes, so we go to outlying areas weekly. Daily, I cover the streets in town as I can walk, distribute tracts in mailboxes, and pray all at the same time. The church is distributing hundreds of gospel tracts each week. I pray that God will bless His written word - only eternity will reveal the effect it is having and will continue to have on this town.

We lost one family that was attending Sonshine Baptist last week, they had to move to another town to look for housing and jobs. However, the Lord sent us a dear lady a few weeks ago who was looking for a friendly church, and she hasn't missed a single service since.

Brother Lewis Howell and his family are making excellent use of their time in the states reporting to their supporting churches. Their meetings are going well and they are getting much needed medical care and rest. Please pray for their meetings, that God will burden souls for missions on this furlough.

Again, thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him.

In His Service,

Jim and Patty Bailey

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6

