

# The Grove Family to New Zealand



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Dear Pastor,

Your past kindnesses in allowing me to come and present our ministry gave me the impulse to contact you. God has placed before us an open door in New Zealand which we never could have imagined.

We have been requested, by Victory Baptist Church in Ashburton, on the South Island of New Zealand, to come over and help them for six months. They are struggling, as they've been without a Pastor for over a year. The church is 1.5 hours from the nearest Bible preaching church and is in a city of 30,000. They are sheep without a shepherd. We don't want to see the work close, as there is no man to lead them.

We will use the time in New Zealand to shepherd, stabilize, and succour them. Additionally, we will make our logistical, legal, and cultural preparations for our permanent ministry in the country. The Victory Baptist Church will help us with our in-country costs of transportation.

Pastor, I am convinced this opportunity outweighs the economic and immediate obstacles. My Pastor and the church deacons agree: it is the right decision at the right time. I know God wants me to do this.

We are at 42% of our regular monthly support, which will cover the same amount of our living expenses on our short term trip. We've been saving money at every opportunity. Our home church will help us. Yet, we turn to you and plead for your prayerful consideration for an investment in our current and future ministry as we seek to keep this church from closing.

Would you consider beginning monthly support of our family? Perhaps your church can't handle adding us to monthly support yet. However, a one time

gift to facilitate our arrival, living, and return passage would make a huge difference. We will not have enough to live on, nor get there, unless churches like yours assist us.

I remember when God called me to New Zealand. I was a painter by profession, when God indicated it was time for me to lay down my brushes and rollers. This was a huge step of faith. We believe this short term "church rescue" trip is our next huge step of faith. Will you help us make it?

Thank you,

Michael J. Grove

P.S.: A breakdown of anticipated expenses is available from our Web site or by email. [www.wwntbm.com](http://www.wwntbm.com)

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## **Operation Ashburton. →**

A 3 – 6 month assistance trip to help continue the establishment of:

**→ Victory Baptist Church**

### **Financial Need Summary:**

#### **Up Front Costs:**

**Airline tickets for 4 people -----approx. \$4,800.00**

**Additional travel expenses**

**(meals in airport, shipping of baggage, etc. -----\$350.00**

**Airport departure tax-----approx. \$200.00**

**(tax all countries charge to leave the country)**

**Move-in cost for fully furnished home-----approx. \$2,000.00**

**(includes a refundable deposit)**

**Vehicle license fees-----approx. \$250.00**

**Total Up Front Approx. Cost: \$7,600.00**

#### **Monthly Support Needed:**

**-Currently we have approx. \$1,680.00 per month support from 9 churches and 2 individuals.**

**-Ministry needs are being paid by Victory Baptist Church, as well as the purchase of a vehicle for us to drive.**

**-An Additional \$2,320.00 per month support would be needed to maintain our personal living expenses while in New Zealand. The following numbers where approximate totals gathered from two missionaries who have raised their families in New Zealand, one missionary family that just went there last year, and one missionary who spent a similar 6 month period there:**

**Rent: \$1,200.00 per month**

**(\$350 - \$400 per week)**

**Food: \$ 800.00 per month**

**Gasoline: \$ 300.00 per month**

**Personal, household goods: \$ 500.00 per month**

**Utilities: \$ 250.00 per month**

**Phone, internet: \$ 150.00 per month**

**Health Insurance \$ 325.00 per month**

**Misc. taxes and oversights: \$ 475.00 per month**

**Approx. Total Monthly Support Needed: \$4,000.00 per month**