

Hello Again! from

April/May 2011

The Grove Family to New Zealand!

We have been busy traveling back and forth across the country, from North Carolina to Nebraska; from the new “tornado alley” of Alabama to the familiar flooding along the Mississippi. We see God trying, in His mercy and patience, to get America’s attention, not to mention the other countries where we have seen such devastation in the past months. Time is short! Some may say, “You’ve been saying that for 2,000 years!” Well, that is only 2 days in God’s timing! Time is short! We must do the work God has called us to, while there is time.

We have seen God’s protection, His provision, and His planning in our lives over the past few months. We were able to see the definite answer to prayer for protection, as we were in northern Alabama when the tornadoes came through in April. We were able to escape the damage and scurry safely home to Kansas City between the two big storms that roared across the South, destroying property and taking lives. God has also provided enough funds for us to officially announce that we are at 75% of our needed support. He has given us meetings to replace some cancelations that occurred. We have had some great meetings in some wonderful churches – praying that these churches will become part of our supporting team, as we plan to go back to New Zealand in August. We are excited to be the first foreign missionaries to be supported by one young church in Nebraska. Their Pastor is also supported by missions giving, but they want to take the step of faith to support foreign missions. Praise God for folks who will take a step of faith even during the tough times we live in today.

Our children continue to be a blessing to us, though only Stephen is traveling with us now. ☹ John has successfully finished his sophomore year at Bob Jones, and with better grades than either of his parents ever earned! God has provided jobs in Kansas City for both John and Kelly: John at an auto garage, and Kelly as a nanny for a young Christian couple. Kelly will graduate this month from high school; Stephen continues to faithfully work on his schooling, work as our IT man, and assist us in any way he can in the ministry. It is hard to believe he will be 16 this month!



Our prayer requests have not changed in the last month. We continue to seek God's intervention in the recognition of my college degrees by the New Zealand government. This is important for increasing my chances of being invited to apply for a work visa to return to New Zealand as the Pastor of Victory Baptist Church. We still are praying for the clear signal that it is time to purchase our plane tickets and ship a container. We believe the funds will be there, but the work visa



must come through!

Please continue to pray for our church family in Ashburton: **The Cairns, the O'Flynn-Maddens, Kinette, the Pasions, now with their three children, the Mulrooneys, Ewings, Murrays, Ene-Mirons, Rogerio and Kylie, the Guises, and Shirley.** We will continue to add pictures of our church family each month to put faces with the names as you



pray for them. All seems well in the church. They have had men come from the four other churches on the South Island, and Brother John Mulrooney continues to do an excellent job leading in our absence. The Pasion family has been able to bring their 3 children from the Philippines, and Rogerio and Kylie have added a new baby boy. Continue to pray for Kylie's salvation. With a new baby, she needs God's direction in her life more than she realizes. Thank you for all you support both financially and through your prayers! We look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Serving together with you!

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