

## -Greetings from the **GROVE FAMILY** to **NEW ZEALAND!**

*Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.* Psalm 25:5

*I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.* Psalm 130:5

One of the obvious character traits of David, the man after God's own heart, was his ability to wait. God is clearly using these few weeks to teach us this valuable trait as we wait for our visa to be approved. We waited almost 8 weeks for the FBI background check, now we are told that it could take another 28 days for Mike's medical records to be cleared. Will that be the last hurdle? We pray that it will. We are now planning for a late September departure date to New Zealand.



Big Pine Camp volunteer choir

Since our last update, we have had meetings in PA and MO, as well as a week of youth camp at Big Pine Camp on the Grand Mesa in Colorado. We had the wonderful privilege of challenging the young people with the need to keep themselves "in the way" so that God could use them in full time service in the future. Bro. Dennis Cowdrey and Bro. Ron DeGarde were the key speakers each evening and Nancy and I were able to help with the many young people who made decisions for the Lord, including several salvation decisions. Kelly was able to be an assistant counselor with the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and Stephen enjoyed being a camper! What a wonderful place to get closer to God, at over 10,000 feet elevation!

As we make our final preparations for the move to New Zealand, John, Stephen and I were able to participate one last time in the annual

Men's Wilderness retreat with our home church. John and Kelly are packing to head off to college, John for his junior year and Kelly for her first year. Stephen and Nancy have sorted out the curriculum for Stephen to begin his sophomore year of high school. The next big project is to inventory our belongings and get them ready for shipment to where we believe God wants us to call home! God always knows best, and He must know we need this extra time for all the preparations. We will have a couple more meetings with potential supporting churches, but we are praying that the churches we have been in will be able to begin support by the time our visa arrives. (We currently stand at just over 82%) Please pray with us as we make these preparations and seek God's timing for purchasing plane tickets and shipping our container. Pray for our Victory Baptist Church family in Ashburton as they continue on, awaiting our arrival. Pray also that we will be able to get suitable housing in Ashburton when we arrive.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!  
May God Bless you all as you continue to serve Him!

Serving together with you!

**The Grove Family**

**Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton**



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