

Greetings from the Deep South!

From the Grove Family to New Zealand!

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14

The owner of the local used building supplies store bemoaned the need to be so careful about people trying to sell him stolen goods. One young man came to him to buy back something that he had "pawned off" a few days earlier. He was in tears as he tried to explain what he wanted back, while his Grandmother was outside the store. She had demanded that her grandson buy back the things he had stolen from her. Can you ask for a better witnessing opportunity than to have the store owner ask, "Where did we go wrong?" Sadly, they don't really want to hear the truthful answer, from God's Word. I recently wrote an article for the local newspaper discussing the quickly disappearing peaceful, honest, hard-working spirit on the South Island and the need to turn back to God's Word. To my surprise, they printed the article two weeks in a row. Just as in America, people want the product without having to go thru the process.

The past month has been our busiest since our arrival last November. After much waiting, hassle, money, and hard work, we finally have all of our belongings that we loaded into a container back in October! Thank you to all who prayed for the safe arrival of the container. We had very little breakage, just a few small things and two wet boxes. Your prayers were answered! Most of the boxes are unpacked making us feel like we finally are moved in to our home. Many of the things we have not seen since November 2008. It has been like a second Christmas! We are thankful to have a home to take care of again!

We have been having a neighborhood "Holiday Kids Club" during the summer holiday. We have had 5 of the neighborhood children visit and we continue to go door to door inviting people. We are the strange new "foreigners" here, so we continue meet people and try to become "familiar faces"! We hope to take advantage of the fact that word travels quickly in a small town!

Currently our time is spent doing the following: Stephen is busy with his homeschooling. He is in charge of the game time at "Kids Club". He is our greeter at church and helps with door to door distribution and meeting of the neighborhood kids. Besides the normal schooling and housekeeping, Nancy is teaching our children's Sunday School, heading up the "Kids Club", and teaching a ladies Bible study. Mike is busy preparing for Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday night messages, writing newsletters, tracts, articles for the local paper and answering e-mails, and planning new activities and outreach opportunities. Then we have the tract distribution, door to door religious survey, meeting people at the local stores, visiting church visitors and contacts given to us by our church people, dealing with counseling issues, men's Bible study, etc. We also have a garden to take care of, grass to mow, vehicles to maintain, etc.

Just a little glimpse of our life here for those who wonder. We know we aren't any busier than any other person who is trying to serve the Lord, we just have the privilege of doing it in New Zealand! Please continue to pray for our two children, John and Kelly, back in the States at college. Also, pray for us to see souls saved and desiring to learn more about the Bible. We are also praying that more churches will join our support team as the dollar struggles in value.

Thank you for all the prayers, financial support, and encouraging notes, cards, and e-mails!
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