

"How're Ya Goin' ?"

From the Grove Family to New Zealand!

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6

In America we commonly greet each other with the rhetorical question, "How're you doing?" In New Zealand it is not "How're you doing?" or "How is it going?" but a combination, "How'er ya goin'?!". The typical response is, "I'm good!" or "Good as gold!" When going door-to-door or passing out tracts on the street, the common response when offered a tract is, "No, I'm good." Sadly, as born-again believers, we know how false that statement is when it comes to human nature. We know what they do not know, "there is none righteous, no not one."! Even more sadly, they do not seem to want to know! But the Bible encourages us that if we will go, weeping in our hearts, with the compassion Christ had for the lost, we will "doubtless come again with rejoicing...". His Word will not return void!

It has been a blessing to see our church family helping to sow the seed. Please pray that we will see fruit as we scatter the seed, and share the Gospel with the lost in Ashburton. Hundreds have been given the Gospel and an invitation to visit us at Victory Baptist Church, but we need the Holy Spirit to work in hearts.

Nancy has begun teaching "Bibles in Schools" in a local public elementary school. She has a group of 15 five and six-year-olds. They are excited to be learning new songs and new "stories" from the Bible. Pray that Nancy will be able to make the Gospel clear and that we will be able to make new contacts with families who need the Lord. Stephen continues to be a "magnet" for neighborhood children. He has had the opportunity to share the gospel and is praying that they will come to an understanding of their need for a Savior. He is also a big help in the church ministry, working as an usher, helping in the music ministry, and working with the children whenever necessary. The kids love him of course! We continue to have the men's and ladies' Bible studies on Tuesday evenings, and have begun a monthly father-son activity and ladies night out, all with outreach opportunities in mind. We plan to "letter-box" the entire town over the next few months, and another man and I are doing a "Religious survey" which has given many opportunities to share the Gospel. Our goal is to see that every home in the Ashburton District has received the Gospel and an invitation to Victory Baptist Church by the end of 2012!



It is warm here now, at least by South Island standards, but we are preparing for the winter. We are glad to have had the

years of experience burning wood in the states because it is our only heat source in our home! Even cutting firewood offers opportunities to witness-pray for Tony on whose farm we are cutting this firewood. He is in need of the Savior.



Thank you to so many who have been writing us by e-mail and by snail-mail! Thank you to all who are praying for us, God is opening doors, now we need to see hearts opened to the Gospel. Lord willing, next month I will be able to report a new door God is opening here in the community. Financial support has been increasing, we had another church begin support last month! God is Good! Keep going and weeping, and praying for souls!

Serving together with you,

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