

WINTER GREETINGS!

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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 forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Some may say that this was spoken to Solomon and the people of Israel, but a quick study of Christ's teachings and Paul's inspired writings in the New Testament will reveal that this verse is definitely applicable to any nation or people who identifies themselves as Christian people. There is still a remnant in America, just as there is still one here in New Zealand. As we see the news of the devastating fires in Colorado and New Mexico, we are praying that God's people will claim this verse from 2 Chronicles. We are praying from our place down under. We pray that our friends in Colorado Springs, Denver, and other parts of the fire-weary land will be safe from harm and will see God's hand working even in this terrible time.

The last month has been a busy, painful, trying time as much has happened to slow down the ministry work, at least on my part! One vital part of the ministry here is staying warm. Our home is heated solely by a "log-burner"-a small wood burning stove which is burning almost 24-7 at this time of year. The men of the church had the wood for this winter ready for us to split and burn when we arrived last November. But as many of you know, it is important to prepare in advance for next winter! In trying to do my part of the preparation, I had my first, and hopefully last, painful experience with a wood splitter. Praise the Lord I still have all my fingers, but the healing process has been slow. Then as we were hiking on our 25th wedding anniversary, I damaged a disk in my lower back which put me on my back for 3 or 4 days, unable to stand, sit or walk without assistance. Nancy and I had to laugh - 25 years earlier I was carrying her across the threshold, now she was carrying me!

But it hasn't all been bad! God has continued to give us good contacts with Nancy's Bibles in Schools, Stephen and my soccer team, and a recent meeting in the nearby town of Geraldine. A family in the church lives there and they were willing to host this opportunity to present the Gospel thru a DVD and closing challenge. We had 10 visitors including a couple from Singapore - pray for Erin and Roy as they heard the Gospel clearly presented several times. (Roy was the one who took the picture and Erin is visible just to my right.)

We have distributed all of the John/Romans and have ordered another 8,000 to finish covering the Ashburton District. A fellow missionary is having some pallets shipped from WI including 20,000 John/Romans, 1,000 lbs of Gospel tracts, new hymnals for our church, and various other evangelistic tools for the ministries here on the South Island. We are thankful for the help of our sending church in getting the Bibles ordered and delivered to WI. If any of our friends and supporting churches would like to have a part in the cost of printing or shipping of these materials to NZ, we would gladly accept your help! The printing cost of the John/Romans is 15 cents each and the total shipping bill will no doubt be more than \$1,000. Simply designate the amount and purpose of the gift when sending it to our Mission Board.



We cannot thank you enough for the way so many of you have provided for our needs financially and with your prayers! Please continue to pray as we continue to strive to see the people recognise the truth that their soul is so much more important than any other pleasure or possession for which they are striving. From the smallest child who asks Nancy, "Who made God?", to the older gentleman who asks, "Where did we go wrong?", they need to be willing to accept the answer!

Serving together with you.

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