

From the Grove Family to New Zealand!



And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. Ezekiel 34:26

Sorry it has been so long since our last newsletter. No excuses, just busy times! God has been good to give us rain, rain and more rain. And now we have had 5 days in a row of sunshine! The Master Creator and Sustainer has prepared the ground with water, now the sunshine, we will soon see the new growth of Spring - some plants are already in blossom! Not only is this a great time to see new growth in creation but we are praying for new life and growth spiritually. Just yesterday I was able to baptize a young man, Rogerio, who was saved one year ago when we were here on our short term trip. What a blessing to see how he has grown spiritually over the past year. Pray for his family to come to know the Lord as he has, they came to his baptismal service, heard the Gospel again, but desperately need to see their need for salvation.

We have distributed all the John/Romans we brought with us and are awaiting the arrival of another 8,000. That should enable us to complete the distribution to the entire Ashburton District. Pray for the preparation of hearts for the planting of the seed of the Gospel! We have had some visitors over the past few weeks but none as a result of our distribution. Please pray that people will be prompted to read the Bibles and tracts even if they will not get in contact with us. It does give us good reason to go to their doors and ask if they received them and if they have any questions.

Nancy has been enjoying her time with the public school children teaching Bibles in Schools. She has also been able to go on Mondays to help as a volunteer teacher's helper with the same teacher in whose class she teaches Bible-building relationships and earning the privilege to talk about something as personal as religion.

Stephen and I have been able to make some good connections with the soccer families. I am trying to cultivate some friendships with the fathers of the players. The kids want us to coach their team again next year so we are hoping that we will be able to continue that ministry.

We told you previously that the house we were living in was up for sale. The new owners will be moving into "our house" on September 7th so we have "shifted" to a new home. Notice the new field address below for all future correspondence. We are now just a block away from the building in which we meet for church. This new home seems to be set up better for our ministries and costs less per week. The Lord was good to allow me to heal from my back injury before we had to move, the church family pitched in to help, and we are now pretty well settled in. Now to meet our neighbors and invite them to walk to church with us!

Stephen has been busy with his school work as well as his ministry with the children in the church. He did not take a "summer break" as he would have in the States. He will get his summer break when John and Kelly come to visit at Christmas time.

We have gained another church on our support team, but we will be losing one in January. We are praying for the churches and individuals in America who so graciously support us. The spiritual temperature in America is just like it is here, lukewarm and getting colder. What will it take for people to see their need for a relationship with God?

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 their need.

Serving together with you,

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