

Greetings!

from the Grove Family in New Zealand

April 2013

Falling leaves and falling temperatures but new life abounds!

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things
are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17



April is almost over! We are amazed at all God has done since our last update.

It was difficult to “get our heads around” having Easter in the Fall! There is a strangely different feel in the air! But as my statement above reflects, it may be fall, but new life is springing forth! We will gladly take the sight of people coming to Christ over the sight of tulips blooming – any day! On Easter Sunday I had the privilege of baptizing 1 new believer and 4 young believers. Just last week we sat in the home of a Filipino farm worker and heard the testimony of 6 new believers, expressing how they came to put their trust in Christ in the last month. We have another baptism scheduled for April 28th!



The Easter Holiday gave us another wonderful opportunity to share Christ with a group of young people and their parents. On the Tuesday after Easter many parents had to go back to work but the children were still on break. We advertised a day of Free Child Care and had 21 children from the community attend. We geared the day toward preparing the children to sing and quote scripture for their parents in a “mini-concert” at the end of the day. Our church folks

rose to the occasion and a seed of the Gospel was planted in the hearts of many!

We continue to be involved in the many outreach opportunities per previous letters. Please see our list of prayer requests on the second page. Pray for the David Smith family as they are here to gain some experience and to help in the ministry. David will be working with the other men in the church to fulfill the duties of the ministry as we return to the States for one month. Our return to the States is simply to see our son, John graduate from university. We will be several churches in our travel from Kansas City to South Carolina. We do have an opening to visit a supporting church on May 19. It would need to be within a one day driving distance of Kansas City. Let us know if you would like us to visit and report about what God is doing here in the Ashburton District of New Zealand.

Without you who support us in prayer and finances we could not be here! Thank you for your support in the ministry !

Serving together with you,

The Grove Family

Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton



Home Church: Eagle Heights Baptist Church, 5600 N. Brighton Ave., Kansas City, MO 64119 Ph.: 816-454-7410

Missions Office: WWNTBM, P.O. Box 725, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 Ph.: 704-730-1440

E-mail: fivegroversinkcmo@isotechnetworks.net; Skype username: michaelgrove64

Field Address: 15 Cross Street, Allenton, Ashburton 7700 New Zealand Ph.: +6433084695; Skype: 816-399-4820

Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui and Fairton primary schools
 - Teachers she is working with
 - the students
 - parents of the students
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays
- Ladies' Bible Study
- Men's Bible Study
- Filipino Bible Study (Pray for Sam as he teaches in Tagalog) New Believers as a result of this Bible study: Sherwin, Aljim, Sandie and Melinda, Ray, Chris, June, and Merlon so far!
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness.
 - distribution of John/Romans, tracts, invitations to participate in a free Bible correspondence course offered by a sister church here in NZ.
- Knowing what to preach each week, Sunday morning, evening and Wed. nights, effectively feeding the flock!
- Our new church attendees - taking the next steps in baptism and church membership
- Pray for our Church families, their spiritual growth and effectiveness in reaching their unsaved friends and family. Some names to be thinking of: Eileen, Jenny, Geoffrey, Steve, Sam, Jacob, Isaac, Brian, Chris, Kylie, Isaac, Betty and Norman, Mark and Leoni, Rob and Sue and their 3 boys
- Soccer team contacts
 - One family has visited church, trying to keep in contact with these families
 - Coaching a group of under-18's with Stephen playing on the team.
- Volleyball team contacts as Nancy coached a group of 15-17 year olds.
- Monthly Teen outreach-there are many teens with nothing to do in the evenings and on the weekends. Pray that they will be receptive to our invitations to teen activities.
- Our church members' unsaved family members, several are becoming open to listening to the Truth.
- Contacts we have made at local businesses.
- Opportunities to have articles published in the local paper - "Christian Comment" and "Point to Ponder" articles.
- Stephen
 - ministry with the children
 - on going homeschooling
 - helping with teen outreach and soccer
- Our children in the U.S.
 - John finishing college in May, will work this summer at a Teen Camp in WY, then looking for the next step!
 - Kelly is working in Kansas City, MO. Living with Grandparents. Praying about future.
- Family in the States
 - Mike's sister Dee who lost her husband Wayne Fitzgerald to liver cancer. Please pray for the family as they adjust.
- Teen camp in April involving the teens from the churches we fellowship with on both Islands.
- Traveling back to the U.S. in May for John's College Graduation.
- Increased financial support, we are at about 85%. God has been good to make up the difference with gifts from friends. He always knows our needs!

Thank you for remembering us in prayer! Feel free to send prayer requests for us to take to the Lord on your behalf.

God Bless!