

**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 28<sup>th</sup>!



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***

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