

Winter Greetings!

from the Grove Family in New Zealand

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"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." II Corinthians 4:17

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful time of convicting preaching and good fellowship with believers from other churches around the country. The theme of the Bible Conference, held in the Capital city of Wellington, was "The Prize is worth the Sacrifice". The preaching was a good reminder for all of us that a little hard work, a little sacrifice now is but a small investment into a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." What a privilege to be representatives for Christ here in New Zealand. Thank you to all who have a part in our ministry through your prayers and sacrificial giving to missions! (The pictures are from our visit to Wellington, 2 days before they had a big earthquake!)



Looking back over the time since our last update, we have been busy with the ongoing ministries of Bibles in Schools, Soccer, discipleship, letter-boxing, and of course the regular preparations for Sunday Services and weekly Bible studies. Mike enjoyed teaching a two week Bible Institute class on Creation and Evolution and will get to teach the same class again in September with students from the North Island Bible Institute. Nancy enjoys her time at Bibles in Schools and it has given her an opportunity to volunteer to work with one of the same public school teachers on a weekly basis. Developing friendships with the people in order to earn the right to speak with them about something as personal as their eternity! Stephen has been able to invite the soccer team to our youth activities but so far no one has been willing or able to come. The other boys recognize a difference but they are still too caught up in the ways of the world to be interested in where they will spend eternity. Please pray as we try to help them see the Truth of Scripture – "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?"

We continue to try to reach out to the Filipinos who have accepted Christ recently. We are now back into the busy time in the life of the dairy farm workers-calving season has begun making for long hours and even more difficulty in attending Church services and Bible Studies. Please pray as we try get with these new Christians and encourage them to grow in Christ.

God's Word is getting into the homes of everyone in the Ashburton District. We are thankful for David Smith developing a website for our church.

Please visit: www.vbcofashburton-nz.org We will try to keep the calendar updated and also add some pictures from time to time. Also you can "like" our Victory Baptist Church page on Facebook. We have found that when people are looking for a church, even here in the small agricultural town of Ashburton, they "Google"! We want our church to be easily found even in cyberspace! Thank you again for your prayers and support!

Sam preaching



Choir Practice



Serving together with you,

The Grove Family

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