

It's Almost Spring! Greetings!

from the Grove Family in New Zealand



Fellowship after Bible Study

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. I Chronicles 29:11

Where does the time go? It seems like just last week that we updated everyone on the ministry but it was actually in July! Winter has flown by and God has given us a good one! It has been a mild winter with the exception of a few

winter blasts. They are still enjoying skiing on the mountains. Calving season is just about over, the lambs are looking beautiful in the paddocks, the trees are blossoming and the flowers are beginning to bloom. As we watch Spring arrive we are looking forward to the victories that God will give us! We have a new brochure introducing our church to the community. We plan to hand-deliver it in the urban areas and have it delivered by the rural post to the entire rural district-approximately 9,500 letter-boxes(urban and rural combined). Pray that God would move in the hearts of the people and that we would have many people respond by phone call, email, through the website, or by visiting our church. God has the answers for helping us find victory in every area!

Soccer season is over but we pray that we will be able to continue our contact with the young men from the team. Seven of them plus the other coach and his family came to our last youth activity. We were able to share the Gospel with them and show the video "Evolution vs. God."

We have the privilege of hosting the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program students for 2 weeks. Mike is enjoying teaching the Creation class, getting to use the same material prepared for the class in June. Pray for these young people as they seek God's direction. Pray also that we would see more young people get involved in the training program. There is a tremendous need for more Pastors, teachers and Christian workers in every church we fellowship with, as well as a need for more churches in many towns and cities.



God's Word continues to go out in the Bibles in Schools program, Filipino Bible Studies, tract distribution, as well as the weekly services. We are excited to see what God is going to do in the weeks to come as we think about and put into action new ideas and continue with the "old" ways.

Many may already know that we have begun our permanent residency paperwork. The first step was the "Expression of Interest". This must be selected and reviewed to determine if they will invite you to apply for residency. We have officially been invited to apply! Now the task of getting everything together that is required for the application – including a sizeable fee. Thank you for your prayers as we take this next step and as we continue to be your "arm" in the South Pacific!

Serving together with you,

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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui and Fairton primary schools
 - Teachers and students she is working with
 - parents of the students (we hope they will ask about what their children are learning!)
- Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Hampstead primary school- 8-10 yr. olds
- Mike teaching a 2 week Creation/Evolution class September 2-13 (Students are here from the North Island) We be doing some street work. (Survey, tract distribution, letter-boxing)
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study (Pray for Sam and Mike as we teach) New Believers as a result of this Bible study: Sherwin, Aljim, Sandie and Melinda, Ray, Chris, Jon, and Myron so far!
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members. (Pray for John, recently accepted Christ – being disciplined by the member who led him to the Lord)
- 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.
- Praying about a booth at the local farmer's market and the A&P Shows. (like county fairs)
- Knowing what to preach each week, Sunday morning, evening and Wed. nights, effectively feeding the flock!
- The men in the church as they get an opportunity to preach or teach on occasion.
- 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
 - The other coach, Evans, and the 7 boys who came to the youth activity.
- 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. We are praying that some of the soccer team will continue to attend. (Last Friday night of each month).
- Our church members' unsaved family members, several are becoming open to listening to the Truth.
- Contacts we have made at local businesses. (Scott at the print shop for example)
- Opportunities to have articles published in the local paper - "Christian Comment" and "Point to Ponder" articles.
- Stephen -ministry with the children, helping with teen outreach and soccer, new job at McDonalds -on going homeschooling- Now in his Senior year!
- Our children in the U.S.
 - John working in Kansas City, applying for jobs, praying about God's will for his future.
 - 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. Dee is praying about God's next step for her.
 - Mike's brother, Martin, looking for a Math teaching position in Greenville, SC area.
- Increased financial support, we fluctuate between about 85-90%. 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!