

October/November 2013

Spring is in the Air!

Greetings! from the Grove Family in New Zealand



But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

The seeds have been sown; we are doing our best to water the seed, awaiting the harvest! This is true not just in our little garden but also in our entire district. We distributed the new church flyer to almost 10,000 homes and we have seen some interest. We have had 4 different family units, a total of 13 people, visit one or more services as a result of the flyer. Several have called with questions and we are continuing to follow up on these leads. Bountifully distribute the “seed” and trust God to bring in the increase. What a blessing and encouragement to get a taste of the harvest with each visitor and inquisitive phone call.

September and early October seemed to be the time for sickness in our church. Many, including the Pastor, struggled through several weeks of an unidentified “bug.” Even now some are still trying to fight it off. We continued to press on with our usual ministries, highlighted in early October by a visiting group of young people from a sister church in Blenheim. Their visit included a day of distributing flyers and preparation for a day of Kid’s Bible Club and an evening Youth rally. The children, teens, and adults all enjoyed the games, songs, puppet show, crafts, and the challenges from God’s Word. Please pray as we try to find ways to reach out to the young people in the community – a very difficult group to reach! Stephen is our link to this age group. He does a wonderful job of including the visitors, making them feel welcome, and setting a good example for them. His new job at McDonalds has given him new opportunities to share the Gospel in word and deed- even winning the “Rookie of the Month” award in his first month on the job.



Our Bibles-in-schools opportunities continue to be a blessing. Each time we go to the classrooms we are reminded that we are just planting the seed. We are looking for some good gift Bibles for the younger children – ages 5-7. If anyone would like to contribute either with an idea or in sending some Bibles this way, just let us know.

Our ministry to the Filipinos has been a blessing. It has been our privilege to have them in church, meet with them for individual discipleship and in group Bible Studies. Please continue to pray as there are hundreds of them here looking for fellowship – we want to provide the fellowship centered around the Truth of God’s Word!

We can never thank you enough for your faithful support, financially and through your prayers! It is our prayer that when all is said and done and the Lord returns, our rewards will be your rewards. Time is short, keep sowing the seed!

Serving together with you,

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