

Warm Greetings!

from the Grove Family in New Zealand

January/February 2014



***Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.
For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth
for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

James 4:14

It does not seem possible that Summer is almost over! Time has gone so quickly with so many things happening here in our corner of the world! What a blessing to know that we are doing what God wants us to do and that He is in charge of the results. Would it not be wonderful

if the results came as quickly as time passes by?! Like the old saying goes, good things take time. It has been a blessing to watch the growth of one of our young men. Rogerio was saved just over 2 years ago. He has had many hard decisions to make but his desire has been to please his Saviour and to know Him more. What a blessing to hear him share God's Word with us at our Wednesday evening Bible study recently. We are praying for more "Rogerio's"!



Since our last news letter Christmas and New Years has come and gone with all the activities of the holidays. We had our second Men's Wilderness Retreat. A small group but a good adventure climbing Mt. Potts, camping, and fishing. Stephen posted some pictures on "facebook" for anyone who would like to see New Zealand from the top of the Southern Alps.

Our Family Fun Nights have been a great time of fellowship for the church family. The Filipino Bible studies have also been a blessing. Because of the work schedules of our people, it seems the Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Friday evening meetings all average about the same number of people with a little different group each time! Please pray as Bibles in Schools will be starting shortly and we are trying to reach more folks out in the rural areas of our district. We will be having a "Town Hall Meeting" at a community hall in a rural area on Sunday evening, February 23. We have posted 1200 invitations and hope to challenge the people to consider their spiritual condition.



We had the privilege of ministering in a new church plant in Christchurch. Stephen was able to provide the piano accompaniment for singing. The new church, Lighthouse Baptist Church, is reaching out to the Brazilian and Filipino community in Christchurch, as well as any others who would like to attend.

None of this would be possible without your prayers and support! We cannot thank you enough! May God bless you all!



Serving together with you,

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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, Fairton, and Hampstead primary schools – begins again this month.
 - parents of the students (we hope they will ask about what their children are learning!)
 - pray that the children and their parents will read the New Testaments they received for Christmas
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays-door to door push to see this grow in the New Year
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study (Pray for Mike as he teaches) Pray for these contacts for salvation and/or spiritual growth: Arnold, Romalin & Ernie, Chris & Ace, Jessica & Eric, Mark, Glen and his family, Sherwin & Olivia, Leo & Hazel, Leo and Anna, Eric, Sam & Emily, Ronnie & Shayne, Sandie and Melinda, and others.
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members. (Pray for John who recently accepted Christ – being discipled by the member who led him to the Lord)
- Rogerio will be traveling back to Brazil for 2 months. Will be starting a Bible Study with his family and friends. Pray that we can find someone to start a church there in his hometown of Iturama, Minas Gerais, Brazil.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness.
- 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, Brian, Chris, Kylie, Isaac, Betty and Norman, Mark and Leoni, Rob and Sue and their 3 boys
- Pray for 12 yr. old Jacob as he was recently saved and continues to attend with his dad. Mom does not attend and often schedule reasons for him to miss church.
- 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.
 - A church member had the opportunity to meet Evans' wife, Rebecca. We are in the process of answering questions she has about Christianity; she considers herself an agnostic.
- 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 – they have stopped printing the “Christian Comment” on a regular basis making it harder to get spiritually thought provoking articles in the paper.
- Last Sunday evening of each month we are doing “Town Hall Meetings” in rural communities around the district. Pray for attendees, for open hearts, and for the freedom to share the Truth of the Gospel.
- Stephen -ministry with the children, helping with teen outreach, new job at McDonalds
 - on going homeschooling- Now in his Senior year!
- Our children in the U.S.
 - John working in Kansas City, will be doing a 14 month internship at Red Cliff Bible Camp in Pinedale, WY. He is in need of monthly support for this internship.
 - 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. Dee is praying about God's next step for her.
 - Praise! It looks like Mike's brother, Martin, has found a Math teaching position in Greenville, SC area.
- Our Permanent Residency Application was filed on December 2, 2013. Just waiting now for approval. Please pray, our work visas expire in October 2014.
- Increased financial support, we still 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!