

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family in New Zealand

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"...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14



Fall is here, harvest time on the farms is almost complete, but we are praying that the harvest of souls is just beginning! While reading through the book of Esther I was reminded of God's sovereignty and perfect planning. When we came to New Zealand it was during a time when many were saying that we needed to be sending missionaries to the "10/40 window". What we did not know was the number of people that are moving from the "10/40 window" to New Zealand! Could it be that God has us here for such a time as this?

Since our last newsletter we have continued to press on in all the regular services, Bible studies, and discipleship. Bibles in Schools has begun again for the new school year. Between Nancy and me, we have over 80 children from 5 to 11 years of age listening to the Truth from God's Word. Pray for hearts to be changed, not only among the children but also in the parents as they hear what their children are learning.

In February we had a couple's banquet with a "farming" theme - Growing Right Relationships. Nancy and some other ladies organized a Ladies Retreat earlier this month. About 35 ladies came from different parts of the South Island to enjoy the teaching and fellowship. It was a blessing

to hear the positive comments from the ladies and the positive impact that they had on their own churches as a result of the time of refreshment and challenge. It seems destined to be an annual event!



Our first "Town Hall Meeting" in the rural district of

Ashburton was disappointing. We had 16 people, all our regular faithful people, but no visitors. If at first you don't succeed... We will have our second try in a different area on Sunday evening, March 30th. Instead of letterboxing the invitations, this time we advertised in the school newsletter and the local newspaper which is specific to the target area. This will be our last opportunity for this type of meeting until we return in September. Please pray that we have some visitors.

One young couple, pictured here in their "farming" attire from the couple's banquet, has come forward for church membership and we have begun discipleship. We are excited about their willingness to become part of the church. They will be a big help in the Filipino ministry while we are in the States.

Again, we thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support. We are again reminded as tax season approaches that God is in control of men's hearts. He knows just what we need to meet our needs and He puts it on men's hearts to give – in such a time as this!



Serving together with you,

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