Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving... Colossians 4:2

In Colossians Paul seems to imply that a good prayer life is aided by a spirit of thankfulness. This is one example of the many challenging messages we have heard from New Hampshire to Alabama. Not only do we get to rehearse what God is doing in New Zealand, but we also get to be encouraged, instructed, challenged and even reproved by good preaching each week. It is a privilege to get the opportunity to preach but it is also a blessing to hear good preaching!

Over Memorial Day weekend we were able to spend a little time with our future son-in-law. This was one of our goals for the return trip. We are happy to announce that our daughter, Kelly, will be getting married to a nice young man she met – while we were on deputation!



Another example of the benefits of the deputation experience. ©

The month of June was spent in PA, NH, NC, WV, PA, MD, and NC and all the states in between. We enjoyed a day in Boston for our 27th wedding anniversary, a visit to D.L. Moody's gravesite and

empty Northfield campus. We were in 11 different churches in 6 states included a wonderful week at our mission board's Family Week.

So far in July we have been able to report in 5 supporting churches in GA, AL, and TN. It has been wonderful to catch up with so many friends and faithful supporters. We also had the opportunity to do some manual labor, learning some new skills (prepping and waxing tile floors) and renewing the old remodeling skills. The physical exercise is a painful but needed diversion when on the road as many of you know!

During our travels "Skype" has been a useful tool to be able to preach at Victory Baptist Church in Ashburton, NZ once a month. It is encouraging for us to be able to see the people we have grown to love, to visit with them after their Sunday morning service and to see that they are faithfully continuing the work there even while we are away.

Thank you again to all who are supporting us in prayer and faithful giving to missions. It is because of your faithfulness that we can continue ...



Serving together with you,

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