

Grateful Greetings!

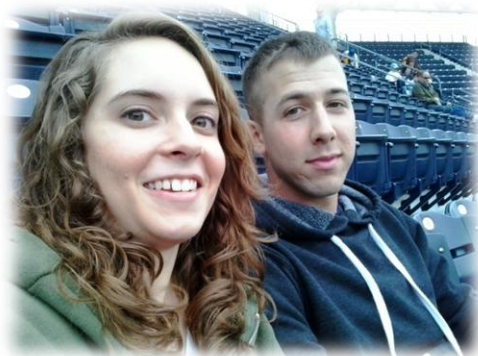
from the Grove Family to New Zealand

June/July 2014

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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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, Fairton, and Hampstead primary schools – on hold until September.
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays-Pauline Mulrooney is teaching until September
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study (Pray for Sam P., Sam R. and John as they teach) 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 the new believers – being disciplined by the member who led him to the Lord)
- Rogerio is seeking God's will in his life. He would like to prepare to be used in the ministry. Pray for him as we try to find good materials for him to study in Portuguese. He has many important decisions to make about the future.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness.
- Knowing what to preach each week in order to effectively allow the Word of God to convict hearts and challenge believers to actively participate in missions wherever God has put them.
- The men in the church as they fulfill the responsibilities in the ministry in my absence.
- 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, Mark and Leoni, Rob and Sue and their 3 boys-Sam, Jaime and Andrew
- Pray for 12 yr. old Jacob as he was recently saved and continues to attend with his dad. Mom does not attend and often seems to schedule reasons for him to miss church.
- Soccer team contacts – I will not be able to coach this year but we try to stay in contact with as many as possible. Will coach again next year.
- Our church members' unsaved family members, several are becoming open to listening to the Truth.
- Contacts we have made at local businesses. (Scott and Anna 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.
- Beginning again in September, the last Sunday evening of each month we will be 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 -looking for work in Kansas City for the summer and preparing to go college. Please pray for him as he desires to know God's will for the future.
- 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 which begins on June 1.
 - 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.
 - Mike's brother, Martin, still needs to find a Math teaching position in Greenville, SC area.
- Praise the Lord!!! Our Permanent Residency was approved. We simply need to send another check for \$930, and our passports for the final paperwork to be completed. Thank you for praying. 6 months and over \$4,000 later we have our Residency!
- Increased financial support, we still fluctuate between about 85-90%. One of the negatives of getting our Residency is that we will be paying extra taxes for a while. 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!