

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

Psalm 89:47



“If the Lord do not shine upon his work we live for nothing - we count it no longer life if his cause does not prosper. We live if the King lives, but not else. Everything is vanity if religion be vanity. If the kingdom of heaven should fail, everything is a failure.” *Matthew Henry*

Our lives may be short, but definitely not in vain! What a blessing to see God working. August found us traveling literally back and forth across the U.S. of A. We drove our daughter's car to San Diego where we gave her away in marriage to a fine young marine, Daniel Cuthrell. We then went to Pinedale, WY to visit our son, John, at the Red Cliff Bible Camp where he is an intern. Next we drove Stephen and his car to Greenville, SC where he began his freshman year of college, majoring in International Studies. Thus we scattered our children across the continent. Praise God for the safety He gave in all the travels. (And a big ‘Thank you’ to the folks at South Haven Baptist Church in Springfield, TN for aiding us in our car troubles!)

After a busy month of August in the U.S., we returned as “empty nesters” to our adopted family in Ashburton. It was a joy to find not only the same faithful folks in attendance but also some new families. The people enjoyed having Pastor Mike and Marie Rigney here from late July until we returned on September 7th. Pastor



Rigney did a wonderful job preaching and he set the bar high for continuing the discipleship ministry. Just last week we were able to spend some time with one of the new young couples. The husband, Florante, prayed and found assurance of his salvation. We are in the process of discipling 6 different couples or singles with many more in need of discipling. Our desire is to enlist the help of a few of our faithful, grounded members to help us in this endeavor.

Thank you for your faithful support! Obviously God is hearing and answering your prayers as we re-immers ourselves in the many facets of the ministry. I wish there was enough space here to thank each of you individually but God knows! We will keep praying for God to bless in America while you pray for us here!

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
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study beginning again in October after calving season is over. 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, Florante and Jen 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.
- 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 continues to attend with his dad. Need to disciple him.
- Pray for David, currently in discipleship with him, praying his wife and two children will join him.
- Soccer team contacts. 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.
- Stephen – a freshman in college majoring in international studies. Pray specifically for his German class.
- John doing a 14 month internship at Red Cliff Bible Camp in Pinedale, WY. He is in need of monthly support for this internship which began on June 1.
- Kelly and Dan Cuthrell in San Diego. Dan is in the Marines and Kelly is looking for part-time work.
- 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 work in Greenville, SC area.
- Praise the Lord!!! Our Permanent Residency was approved. Waiting for the return of our passports with the new residency stamp in them!
- 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!