



Remember how short my tíme ís: wherefore hast thou made all men ín vaín? 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 by 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-immerse 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, Mike and Mancy Grove Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton

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