

Grateful Greetings!

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from the Grove Family to New Zealand

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10, 11

"I am not afraid of being a failure. I am afraid of being a success at something God is not interested in."

-Charles Keene

As we are busy building on the foundation begun by others we are very mindful that all the "busyness" must be centered on Jesus Christ. That we may know Him! That others may know Him! What a privilege to be building on this foundation. We thank all of you for your part in helping to make this possible!

The last few months have been packed full of opportunities. Discipleship has been a point of focus with four people actively

working through our discipleship program. Two of these young men were baptized earlier in November along with a third young teenager, Jacob, whom Nancy led to the Lord a year ago.



In October we had a visit from an American missionary to the Philippines and an American pastor, both of whom were a blessing to our people. October 26th was our first "Friend Day". It was a wonderful day with visitors in both services. The theme was "A Friend who will tell you The Truth is a Friend indeed!"

The first weekend in November we traveled north to the beautiful village of Havelock to officiate a wedding for a young

Kiwi couple. We have another wedding next week in which one of our young men will be getting married.



Pray for Chris and Cara as well as Rogerio and Maraysa. These young couples have the potential to be greatly used of God here and even abroad as they seek to serve Him together.

It is exciting to see the people growing in the Lord and being willing to get involved in serving Him. We continue to share the Truth with as many people as possible through tracts, ads in the newspaper, Bible studies, and in conversation but we pray for the convicting of the Holy Spirit. Many have heard but still continue to ignore the Truth. We appreciate your prayers and support as we continue our work 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 – **designing a Christmas tract and planning to give “God’s Promises” New Testaments to the older students who will not be in our classes next year.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study has begun again in two locations. Pray for these contacts for salvation and/or spiritual growth: Arnold, Romalin & Ernie, Chris & Ace, Jessica & Eric, **Brent, Joey, Drexel, John, Robert**, 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)
- Rogério** 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 is getting married this month and he has many important decisions to make about the future.**
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. **We see evidence of the convicting of the Holy Spirit when we get phone calls from angry recipients.**
- 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**, Nick and Leoni, Rob and Sue and their 3 boys-Sam, Jaime and Andrew
- Pray for 13 yr. old **Jacob** as he continues to attend with his dad. He was **baptized on Nov. 9**
- Pray for **David**, currently in discipleship with him. Praise the Lord his wife, **Sue and two children have joined him. (Children Ben,12, and Lydia,9, are unsaved.)**
- Soccer team contacts. Will coach again in April.
- 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 recently surprised me by printing one of my articles. **We have begun printing a “Think about it...” ad another local paper that reaches over 20,000 people. It is more expensive, about \$100 per week, but we have already had one visitor because of it and we are able to plant a seed of Truth in people's minds on a weekly basis. If anyone would like to contribute specifically to this expense the church folks would be excited.**
- Stephen – a freshman in college majoring in international studies. Pray specifically for his Speech and German classes. He is doing well, praise the Lord!
- 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. His largest supporter has been unable to send support on a regular basis. **We are praying that he would be able to find a way to fill that gap with either some odd jobs or another person to step up and fill the gap.**
- Kelly and Dan Cuthrell in San Diego. Dan is in the Marines, they are praying about his decision to re-enlist or begin another career.
- 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 Residency was approved. We received our passports with “Residency” stamps but it turns out that it is not “permanent” if we leave the country. This means that we will need to apply for “permanent” residency in two years. It should be easy to do but it means another upcoming fee.
- Praise the Lord we have had another church join our support team! With this and the current value of the US dollar we are at about 95% support. We are still watching to see what will happen with our taxes due to our dual residency. God continues to show His omniscience by prompting friends to give “random” gifts at “random” times throughout the year! 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!