

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

Jan./Feb. 2015

*But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 19:14*

One of the most heartbreaking scenarios in the ministry is that of a parent preventing or forbidding their child from hearing the truth. Jesus made it clear, the consequences were severe. Yet many parents will have the blood of their children on their hands at judgment day because they prevented or forbade them from hearing the Truth. We praise the Lord for three young souls that were saved at our Holiday Kid's Club in January. Two of the children have been coming regularly with their parents. One little girl came with her friends one day, heard the truth, and gave her heart to Jesus. When mum arrived to take them home, little Madison excitedly told her about the decision she had made to ask Jesus to be her Saviour. She was never "able" to make it back. But Jesus can never be taken away from her. Pray we will be able to follow up with the family.



The first month of 2015 has flown by faster than imaginable! Immediately after the Christmas and New Year's season we enjoyed a week of Family Camp with folks from most of the independent Baptist churches on the South Island. Then, among our usual discipleship, Bible studies and regular services we prepared for the week of Kid's Club. We now have two families we are discipling in preparation for becoming members of the church.

In February we will begin our Bibles in Schools teaching, 4 classes at 3 different schools. At the end of the month we will be hosting seven students from the New Zealand Bible Institute and teaching two classes: Pastoral theology I: Ethics and Family life, and Creation/Evolution. We are looking forward to that opportunity as we train young people to be active members of their local church and ultimately to be used of God in the ministry in whatever avenue He leads them.


Please pray for our discipleship ministry. We have several individuals and couples we are working with requiring much time and flexibility in scheduling due to their work schedules – but this is what the ministry is about! Seeing souls saved and then seeing them desire to grow and learn more about their Saviour!

We have been able to post a spiritual reminder in the weekly newspaper reaching over 17,000 people every Thursday. Our prayer is that God would use this to get people "thinking about" the importance of eternity. Pray with us that we would see a spiritual awakening in the hearts of the people of the Ashburton district. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support over the years as we represent you here in New Zealand!

Serving together with you,

Mike and Nancy Grove

Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton

Think About it...
"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"
~ Jesus Christ (Mark 8:36)
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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, Fairton, and Hampstead primary schools – **we begin again on February 13. We were able to give over 400 copies of our Christmas tract with a clear plan of salvation.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study 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 and Anne, Sam & Emily, **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 and Maraysa** are seeking God's will in their lives. **Maraysa is working diligently to learn to speak English. She needs to be able to speak well enough to get a work visa and a job or she will have to go back to Brazil. Pray for her visitor's visa to be extended and her "crash course" in English!**
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. Planning a three month tract distribution program beginning in March.
- 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 of the unsaved: 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**. We are discipling him and he was a helper in our Holiday Kid's Club. Pray for his spiritual growth
- Pray for David and Sue as we disciple them for church membership! Their children, Ben and Lydia, were saved in our Holiday Club in January!**
- Soccer team contacts. Praying about coaching in April – not sure it will be possible with the other commitments.
- 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, our "Think About it" spot in the weekly paper. (Has a circulation of over 17,000 and a readership over 20,000)
- Stephen – a freshman in college majoring in international studies. Pray specifically for his English, World Culture and German classes. He is doing well, praise the Lord! Finished his first semester on the President's List.
- 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, 2014. His largest supporter has been unable to send support on a regular basis because of serious health problems. **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. He will be deployed to the Middle East in March. They are praying about their future after the military.
- 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 – **He begins a new job this week. Praise the Lord!**
- 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!**