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## Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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,

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