

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm 90:10,12

Can time go any faster? They say it does as we get older, hard to imagine life flying by any faster than it has over the last two months! Looking back we can see how God has made it possible to accomplish more than we thought possible! What a blessed time it has been serving Him in the ministry.



Join the Club
Let's have a BLAST
Making an Impact on our Community for our
Missions
Monday after School until 6:15pm
In the Hub
Refreshments
Games
Projects
Challenging Discussions
Lead by Pastor Mike and Nancy Grove - 1500 Mission in Allenton, Ashburton

In February our Bibles in Schools program started again. We now are sharing the Gospel and teaching the Bible to over 100 students in the public schools, ages 5 – 12. For the first time ever we have been able to start a new program in the Intermediate school with children in years 7 and 8 (6th and 7th graders in the States). We are calling the program “BLAST” – Building Lives Around Sound Truth. It is currently a small

group but new young people have come along each week and we are praying for God to bring the increase.



We hosted seven students from the New Zealand Bible Institute for two classes: Pastoral theology I: Ethics and Family life, and Creation/Evolution. In between the two classes it was our privilege to have Mike's Jr. High Sunday School teacher and his wife visit for about 12 days. From 28 February thru 28 March our home was filled with “extras”! It was a busy time but the blessings were innumerable! A note to Sunday School teachers – never underestimate the power of your influence on young people! Surely Mr. Lane never dreamed he would one day be visiting one of his students in New Zealand – especially not

one whom he had to “kick out” of class for bad behavior!

Nancy's Ladies Retreat was a success with over 40 ladies in attendance. Our visitors over the month of March helped us fold thousands of tracts for distribution which has begun - our first 4,000 to be delivered before Easter. Discipleship is continuing, we have had two new families join the church in the last month, the Filipino Bible study in continuing though on a less frequent schedule, and church attendance continues to hover between 20 and 30 both Sunday morning and evening.



Please continue to pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed. We are excited to see what God is doing with the faithful people in our church. God is good – All the time! Thank you for your part in our ministry. Without faithful prayer warriors and givers back there we would not be able to be here!

Serving together with you

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