

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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*Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
Psalm 107:21*



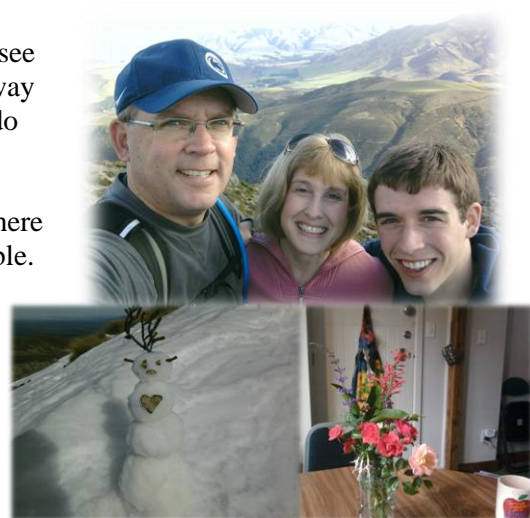
The goodness of the LORD! What a miserable life it must be for those who cannot see the wonderful works of God – the wonderful way God directs and protects even when we often do not see it until we look back and see where we have been...

Our weekly activities have continued here in Ashburton, now with additional help available. Stephen arrived home for the “summer” break, just in time for winter. We celebrated his 20th birthday with a hike in the mountains. The beauty of this Island never gets old! And again we are reminded

of how much the people miss when they do not recognize God’s goodness revealed in His creation.

Since the last newsletter, we have celebrated Resurrection Day, ANZAC Day (see picture above), Mother’s Day (note the flowers from our gardens), Nancy’s birthday, Stephen’s birthday, and a couple other birthday’s of folks in our church family.

Our “Easter Tuesday” day club turned into a boy’s outing. A good time of bonding for Pastor and one of the dad’s as we enjoyed a beautiful day on the local bike trail. Several of the boys are also in our “Bibles in Schools” classes, BLAST club, and/or Sunday school. Only a few scrapes and bruises but no broken bones. ☺



We are almost done with our distribution of 12,000 tracts. Just a few more sections to go and we will have done every house in town at least twice. Please

continue to pray for souls to be saved and lives to be changed as they read these tracts.

Thank you to all of you for your part in our ministry. Without faithful prayer warriors and givers back there we would not be able to be here! We have been able to visit with several of our supporting churches via “Skype”. If you would like to schedule a meeting in one of your evening services we would love to be able to visit with you via the internet. We have not been able to visit with many of you in quite some time – this would be a great opportunity to visit “face to face.” Just send an email or “skype” request and we can schedule a visit.

God bless you as you serve Him in your mission field!

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 –**We now have 5 different classes in 3 schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school.**
- Johnny and Xavier, brothers who are attending BLAST club. They are unsaved but listening and asking questions.**
- 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. The two have been offered a new job where Maraysa will be able to get a work visa and be able to bring her son to be with her. Continue to pray for her English, that the visa will be approved, and for her son to be able to come in July or August.**
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. **We are almost finished with a three month tract distribution program. Pray for God's Word to soften and convict hearts.**
- 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 our newest church members: David and Sue and their children, Ben and Lydia. Also Florante and Jenni, young Filipino couple with a heart to serve.**
- 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 – Thank you for your prayers for him in his first year, he finished the year on the President's List. He will be helping us in the ministry as well as working at McDonalds and any other opportunities that arise. Pray for boldness as he witnesses to his workmates.
- John and his fiancé, Amber, are finishing their internship at Red Cliff Bible Camp. Pray for them as they make final preparations for the summer camps. **Lord willing, they will be getting married in November of this year. Pray for him as he seeks God's will for work after the camp internship.**
- Kelly and Dan Cuthrell. Dan is in the Marines. He will be deployed to the Middle East until early November. Kelly is expecting their first child in November and is living with her Grandparents while he is deployed. Pray for their safety and for them as they seek God's will for the future.
- 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 for his blessing in providing our needs. We do have big tax bill this year but hopefully it will be the last year of "double taxation". Pray for God to meet the tax bill need this spring.

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!**