

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22



Winter can be a difficult time... short days, long nights; cold, dark, dreary days, sickness abounds.... But we have the promise of God, summer is coming! God's blessings continue despite the weather conditions!

In times like these we learn to be better prayer warriors and encouragers of the brethren. We thank you, friends and supporters, for your faithful prayers and financial support!

The pictures on the calendar are a little different in the Southern Hemisphere! It takes some getting used to but the snow is just as

beautiful in June and July as it is in December!

In July we had our first "baby dedication" at Victory Baptist church. Psalm and Emily dedicated their baby, Matteo, to the Lord while making a commitment to train him up in the way he should go. We enjoyed the opportunity to share the gospel clearly with many of their friends attending the service for this special occasion – clarifying the difference between baby dedication and baby "baptism" or christening. The children's choir sang "Cherish the Moment" and we had a great time of fellowship after the service.



In June we also started another midweek service in the little town of Te Pirita, about 45 minutes from Ashburton.

Two of our families living/working on farms in that area wanted to have a Bible Study to which they could invite their co-workers. We meet in the Town Hall fortnightly. It is an "old and cold" hall but the spirit of the people is warm. Please pray for the spiritual growth of this group as we would like to see them grow and desire to become an active part of our Victory Baptist church family despite the distance.

BLAST club has been growing on Mondays. We now have 12 young people attending. With "Bibles in Schools" starting up again we will have over 100 school students, age 5-13, to work with each week. Please pray that they will listen intently and be moved by the Holy Spirit to accept Christ and to live for Him.

The invitation is still open - 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:

- Lighthouse Baptist Church in Christchurch is without a Pastor at this time. Mike has been preaching there once or twice a month to help fill the pulpit. Pray that they will be able to find someone to Pastor this new church – planted about 2 years ago by a Brazilian Pastor.
- 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, Joe, Joseph, Taurangi, Otto, and Richie 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. (One local and one 45 min. away in Te Pirita) 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, Psalm & Emily, Sandie and Melinda, Florante and Jenni and others.
- Sandie and Melinda and their boys were in a car accident recently. Their car was totaled but they were not seriously injured. We are praying they will recognize that God is trying to get their attention. Maybe now they will commit to a time of discipleship each week.
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members. (Pray for the new believers – being discipled by the member who led him to the Lord)
- Rogerio and Maraysa are seeking God's will in their lives. Praise the Lord she received her new work visa, but pray that they will be able to find a better farm to work on – the current situation is not working.
- 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. We did not have enough tracts to complete the town 3 times so Mike is writing another tract to finish the project.
- 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, Robin (David's friend who is a JW)
- Mike is discipling two fathers/sons: David and Ben; Derek and Jacob. Also discipling Brent, Florante and Jenni, and a new attendee, John.
- 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 – 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. Will be traveling back to the U.S. on August 24.
- 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 for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is currently strong in comparison to the New Zealand dollar. Obviously this is an answer to prayer in meeting the tax obligation this year. It is quite frustrating to see over two months of support go to taxes.

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!**