

# 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,*

*Mike and Nancy Grove*

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