

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. I John 2:25

As we think about the celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas we must think about, and be grateful for the fulfilment of God's promise! The work of Jesus Christ, from His birth to His resurrection, is the promise of which we must be reminding others. God always keeps His promises – is there anyone more deserving of our praise and thanksgiving. As you celebrate with your family and friends keep in mind the impact of God's faithfulness. Without His promises we have nothing! And the exciting news is that most of His promises have been fulfilled!

I sat down at the computer to write thinking it was just last month that the last letter went out, but it has been two months! So much has happened since the last newsletter...

In October the NZBBTP class on the Poetical books of the Bible seemed to go well. Trying to cover the 5 books in two weeks is not an easy task, but at least the teacher learned much!



On November 4 Nancy returned to the U.S. to be with our daughter Kelly as she gave birth to our first grandchild – Sophia Lynn Cuthrell. All went well and Dan, Kelly and baby Sophia will be celebrating Thanksgiving with us in PA. I returned to the U.S. on Nov. 18 in time to attend our son, John's wedding in Greenville, SC. The wedding was a very Christ-honoring occasion as John married Amber Burch whom he met while working at the Red Cliff Bible Camp in Wyoming.



We finished our Bibles in Schools and BLAST club with another clear presentation of the Gospel.

Each of our year 6 students received a New Testament and all seemed excited to pick up again in February. We know of at least one young man, Ethan, who gave testimony of having received Christ as a result of our efforts in Bibles in Schools. He is now involved in our BLAST club and is desiring to learn more about the Bible. We plan to have a party prior to the school year for all those who were involved as well as any new students moving up from primary school.



We have a good group of men filling the pulpit while we are gone. Several men from our church are taking a turn as well as 3 men from another church on the South Island. We are grateful for the core group God has given us and for the other churches with which we can fellowship. We look forward to getting back home on December 29th.

It is our prayer that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving season that continues through a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Six years have gone by since we celebrated Christmas in the Northern Hemisphere, maybe we will see a white Christmas!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! God bless you all!

Serving together with you,

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