

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Ezekiel 36:26,27

As we begin a new year, our prayer is for this to be the year of the heart transplant. We need the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the people here on the Canterbury Plains, to soften their hardened hearts with the hammer of His Word. Child abuse, spousal abuse, alcohol and drug abuse and suicide rates are some of the worst in the world. These things are hard to imagine in such a beautiful, peaceful country – but we know a God Who can see the hearts and change them. Pray for us as we do all that we can do – spread the Word, speak the Truth, and pray.



January started with prayer – we had our annual New Year's Eve service followed by a party which closed with praying in the new year. The first Tuesday of the new year was



the beginning of our annual South Island Family Camp. It was a great time of preaching, fellowship, fun and games for the many of the families from churches around the South Island.

After camp we were finally able to get back into the regular routine and start gearing up for the upcoming events. We had a “kickoff” party for the BLAST club. This club will begin meeting on Monday afternoons beginning February 15. We will also soon be starting our Bibles in Schools classes. Many of the children in BLAST club and BiS classes have expressed an interest in learning more about God. Pray



for us as we try to locate these children and get them to our Sunday morning “Kid's Club”.



On February 7 we are planning a “Friend Day” and are encouraging our families to use this as an opportunity to invite their friends who may not care to attend but would come to “be their

friend” for the day. The message for the day will be a look at current events, how they line up with scriptural prophecy, and what does this mean for us? Are you ready for the rapture? We have designed an small card, similar to a business card, which our people can use to invite folks to our church.

We are planning a Couple's Banquet for the 13th of February, a church picnic on Waitangi Day (you'll have to look that one up!), and then a couple of normal weeks before Nancy and I go to the North Island to teach a class in the NZBBTP. We will be teaching an English Grammar and Writing class to the students in the “NZ Bible Baptist Training Program”.

It will a busy few months, but busy is good if it is all geared toward changing hearts. Thank you for your part in this ongoing task. Without your support financially and prayerfully we would be unable to continue.

God bless you all!

Serving together with you,

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