

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 16:9

As winter approaches we look forward to a new set of opportunities – open doors. “This word ‘opportunity’ springs from an old root signifying ‘at port,’ or ‘in the harbour,’ suggestive of the lines: “There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.” Thus we think of the trader watching the market, ready to pounce upon every opportunity that he may turn it to gold. Thousands fail in life through neglect of such chances.” –J. Dymond



As we look for these new opportunities, Satan is working to close doors. One of our schools decided to incorporate a “multicultural studies” class in place of our Bibles in Schools – closing its doors to us because of a few parents who did not want their children



exposed to the Bible. It was disappointing, but keep praying that we will be able to continue in our other schools. We still are able to minister to over 80 students in 3 schools each week. This includes our BLAST club in which we have had several new children attending. Our desire is that these children will also begin attending our Sunday School. There always seems to be something scheduled which interferes with these children’s ability to attend, whether it be school camp, scouts, sport, or simply sleep. Parents take pride in the fact that they give their children the choice as to whether or not they wish to “continue their religious studies.” It is sad to see the parents’ lack of concern for their children’s souls.

In early December we are planning to have a Family Life Conference with the help of a group from our home church in Kansas City. Please be praying as we letterbox and advertise for this event. Families are broken. The traditional family with father, mother and children all living together, eating together, functioning as God intended, is almost non-existent in our culture. It seems people don’t know and don’t care anymore – “what’s the use?!” seems to be the general attitude. We are praying about ways to reach out to these families. To show them from God’s Word that it is possible to fix what is broken and to keep it together with God’s help. Over the next few month’s please make this a matter of prayer. We want to be used of God to make an impact on as many families as possible in the entire Canterbury District.



We continue on with our normal services, Bible studies and discipleship each week. We have been having visitors regularly in our services. One new family has approached us about church membership and we are in the process of discipleship with them. 2 weeks ago we had a new record attendance of 61 as we had a baby dedication for one of our young families.

Please note we have a new mailing address: 54 Cross Street, Allenton, Ashburton 7700

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support!

God bless you all!

Serving together with you,

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