

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!

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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, and Hampstead primary schools –3 different classes in 2 schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school. **The changes in curriculum have been delayed, but we lost one school because of disinterested parents.**
- Jeffrey, Rajit, Cable, Ricardo, and Georgia** who are attending BLAST club. They are unsaved but listening and asking questions. Pray they will begin to attend Sunday "Kids Club". Many have apathetic parents and the kids are on their own to decide if they want to come.
- Ethan was saved as a result of Bibles in School. He has been attending BLAST club and we are still trying to get him involved in Sunday "Kids Club".
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays.
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Filipino Bible Study 45 min. away in Te Pirita. Pray that there would be a renewed interest in this Bible study as most of the families have been "too busy" to attend. Pray for these contacts for salvation and/or spiritual growth: Romalin & Ernie, Chris & Ace, Jessica & Eric, Brent, Joey and family, Robert, **Eric and Anne (currently being disciplined for church membership!)**, Psalm & Emily, Sandie and Melinda, Florante and Jenni and others.
- Sandie and Melinda and family. **Currently doing discipleship with the whole family on every second Tues. evening.** The boys have been coming to S.S. somewhat consistently. Kian, the oldest boy, got saved after teen camp while talking to one of the older young men on facebook!
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- Rogero and Maraysa** are seeking God's will in their lives. Maraysa needs to improve in her English so that she can get a job and renew her visa. Caue, their son, has his student visa and have started school at the local Christian school. **They are still working on visas to enable Maraysa to stay in N.Z. Keep praying for them.**
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. Pray for God's Word to soften and convict hearts. **We are focusing our outreach on families, gearing up for the Family Conference in December. Planning to letterbox and submit articles to the paper with the intent of getting parents to think about their desperate need of the Saviour's help in their lives and the lives of their children.**
- 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.
- Contacts we have made at local businesses. (Chris at the barber shop; Dave and Richard at the auto shop; Ivan at the 2nd hand shop, etc.)
- Opportunities to have articles published in the local paper.
- Stephen – **Finished his Soph. year of International Studies. He did well despite a difficult semester – maintaining an "A" average and on the "President's List"! He will be working in Kansas City for the summer. Pray that he will have the hours he needs to provide for his college bill next semester.**
- John and Amber now married and living in Greenville. John is working for an electrical company working toward Journeyman status. **Amber is still looking for work.**
- Kelly, Dan and Sophia Cuthrell. **Dan is still trying to decide what job God would have for his future. God has provided work, but not sure if this is the permanent career God would have for him.**
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is currently holding its own in comparison to the New Zealand dollar.

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!**