

# Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3*



It is winter time in the southern hemisphere. The earth is in as state of preparation. The snow on the mountains is the water for life as we look forward to the blooming of Spring. It is a reminder that though the world seems to be in a cold, godless state of misery, Our Saviour is preparing a place of rest! Though many are moving farther and farther away from Him, there are still souls preparing for that home

Christ is preparing for them. Earlier this month a young man named Brian made sure of his reservations in that heavenly home! We look forward to having a baptismal service for him and at least one other young man, Kian, who desire to take that first step of obedience in following Christ.

In preparation for Spring, the BLAST club has been building bird houses. Using only "old fashioned" handsaw, brace, hand drill, screwdriver, hammer and nails, we have enjoyed guiding the young people through this project.

Bibles in Schools begins again this week after a 2 week break. The Lord has given us a new school to replace the one we lost! We are looking forward to the opportunity to have an influence in these young lives.

Over the school holiday, we were able to visit with a family in Christchurch for a belated July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Their daughter prepared some American favorites, Apple and pumpkin pies! We had a traditional American meal - hamburgers with all the fixings, potato salad and of course the wonderful pies.

It has been a busy winter! We've enjoyed visitors from the U.S., from the North Island, and a little 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary getaway for Nancy and I... Along with all the regular discipleship, Bible studies and weekly services... but there is no better place to be than busy serving the Lord and watching the fruit grow. Thank you all for your prayers and support as we represent you here in the uttermost parts of the earth!



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

God bless you all!

*Serving together with you,*

*Mike and Nancy Grove*

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