

# Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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*...Fill we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ... . Ephesians 4:13-15*



The last 2 months have flown by quickly with many opportunities for evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship. Since the last newsletter.... The Christmas season gave us reason to try a new outreach; we had our first Christmas Eve candlelight service. The youth group did a “reader’s theatre” and sang for us. Some former members who have since moved away came back to visit and their daughter played the piano for us.

The first week of January was a busy time with our annual Family Camp. This is a wonderful time of fellowship with other believers from 7 of the churches of like faith on the South Island. One young man made assurance of his salvation

after the Wednesday evening message. He has been attending church with the member who had the privilege of speaking with him. Pray for Johnny as he grows in the Lord – he is from a Catholic background.



The week after Family Camp, a group of men travelled around the South Island doing street preaching and distributing tracts. We were able to join them when they came through Ashburton. Many heard the Gospel and we were able to speak to many as tracts were distributed.

The summer holiday gives us a 2 month break from the school activities. We were able to have a short getaway to Queenstown. It was a good time of fellowship with another family from Christchurch. We also were able to have some Ladies’ nights out and a

Father/Son overnight. Bibles in Schools and BLAST club will begin again the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue serving here. We look forward to what God will do through us in the coming months as 2017 flies by! May God richly bless you as you serve him in your mission field.



*Serving together with you,*

*Mike and Nancy Grove*

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### **Prayer Requests:**

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, Hampstead and Lagmhor primary schools –5 different classes in 3 schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school.
- Pray for new attendee for our Blast Club as we start a new year.** We know many of the children from our time at the primary schools. Now as Intermediate students we would like to see them join our club – we have a much more open opportunity to share the Gospel and teach Biblical truths.
- June 13-21 MTT will be with us. Our goal is to reach out to the teenagers in town. Pray for us to come up with creative but Christ-honoring ways to get the Gospel to this needy age group.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays.
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Sandie and Melinda and family. Continuing to disciple the whole family fortnightly. Pray for spiritual growth.
- Johnny – new believer, pray for us to be able to find a time when we can disciple him. Dairy farm work schedules are difficult to work around.**
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- Rogerio and Maraysa now have their visa problems worked out. Pray for their continued spiritual growth.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. Pray for God's Word to soften and convict hearts.
- Pray for our families to grow stronger in the Lord.
- Pray for our young people as they attend the public schools – peer pressure appears to be as bad or worse than in the U.S. – especially regarding immorality and alcohol.
- 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)
- Contacts we have made at local businesses. (Chris at the barber shop; Dave and Richard at the auto shop; Ivan at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop, etc.) **Pray especially for Chris, the barber, as he has been going through some difficult times. Bro. Rich Tozour and I had some good visits with him in December but he is still searching for answers in the wrong places.**
- Opportunities to have articles published in the local paper.
- Stephen – In his second semester, Junior year of College. Doing well but continue to pray for his German class. Also pray that the Lord will give him direction for the future. Also continue to pray that God would give him the hours necessary to work toward paying his school bill. God has been good to provide work for him so far. Only one more year to go!
- John and Amber now married and living in Greenville. John is working for an electrical company working toward Journeyman status. Amber has found part-time work. Continue to pray as the Lord directs their future.
- 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. Pray for them as they travel to visit us in March!
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is struggling but God has been good to make up the difference through the kindness of our friends and family.

**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!**