

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

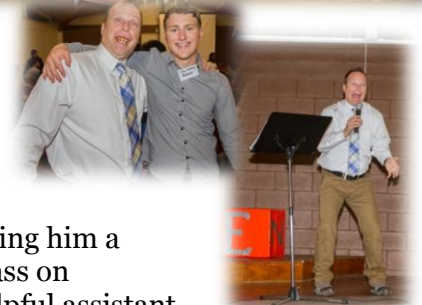
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But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear... I Peter 3:15



Another 2 months have sailed by since our last update.... We continue to press on, sharing the Gospel, trying to reach out to those around us, teaching and discipling the people God has given us to work with so far. God has been good to give us the strength to continue with the opportunities He has already provided and to try some new things.

This year we took some of our teens to Teen Camp on the North Island.



Nancy and I both brought some kind of sickness back with us and battled through that for quite some time. Praise the Lord we are healthy again. We had Cody Hireme, a Bible Institute student, with us for 4 weeks – teaching him a class on the Poetical Books and a class on

Creation and Evolution. He was a blessing to have in our home and was a helpful assistant in the ministry for the time that he was here. Some Pictures: From top right, clockwise around the page you will see: 1) Our group at teen camp, teaching everyone to sing Colossians 3:1-3; 2) Chapel time at camp; 3, 4) Camp Evangelist Brent Sivnksty; 5) The whole group at teen camp; 6) Friends surprise Nancy on her birthday; 7) Cody visiting with one of our young couples from church; 8) Cody with the Teves family from church, he led Kian, their oldest son, to the Lord a year ago after teen camp.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support! We continue to strive to give people the Truth God wants them to have!

May God richly bless you as you serve him wherever you are!

Serving together with you,

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Prayer Requests:

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Hampstead, and Lagmhor primary schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school. **Lagmhor is now allowing us to come all year!**
- We are trying to start an outreach at the "Ashburton College" after school on Thursday's. This is the local public high school. We have hired a hall across the street from the school and are trying to minister to the teens as they walk home from school. Snacks, conversation, and a "Teen Forum" to give them time to express their views and give them real answers from God's Word.**
- 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. **Unsaved children currently attending: Arlene, Ragit, Cable, and Kellie. Not sure about Cedric and Elle's salvation. Several others are talking about attending, pray they will remember to get permission from their parents.**
- June 13-21 MTT will be with us. Please pray as they are scheduled to do assemblies in two public primary schools, our local Christian school, and an adult day center. They will also be leading a Teen Rally on Friday evening the 16th, letter boxing on Saturday, and taking our church service Sunday morning. They will travel a new church plant in Timaru on Sunday evening. Pray for souls to be saved and for the team to stay healthy while they are here.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays; Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies on alternate Tuesdays
- Sandie and Melinda and family. Pray for spiritual growth. Their youngest, Redict, is still not saved. **Pray for Melinda and the boys as they are visiting family in the Philippines – not far from the fighting.**
- Johnny – new believer, he has pulled away but we are still wanting to reach out to him.
- Jeffrey, and Ian are two Filipinos we are wanting to disciple. Bal is a Nepalese young man we will be trying to disciple.
- Brent, whom Mike disciplined for over a year, now has his wife, Cherry, here. Pray for them as they grow spiritually. They have moved farther away to a new farm, pray they will stay faithful.
- Sam and Michaela, a young kiwi couple, have moved here and we are discipling them. Praise the Lord they are desiring to learn and grow.**
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- 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.
- 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.)
- Stephen – Counseling at the Wilds in NC this summer, one more year of college.
- 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 Kelly as she is expecting #2.**
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is struggling again, but God has been good. **We are trusting God to provide as we will have to help Stephen a little more next year and we need to make a trip back to the U.S. for his graduation and to visit some supporting churches.**

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!**