

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

August/September 2017

*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Mark 8:36,37*

Teen Forum

Depression? Major Issue?
Causes?



“You have an eternal soul which will live forever in one of two places!” That one thought! If people would stop and think about the seriousness of that one thought... And so we continue to try to plant the seed of God’s Word, spoken by Jesus Himself. Praying that they will wake up from their Satan-induced stupor long enough to

consider the Truth before it is too late. Our latest tract distribution addresses this issue. (See picture 1, starting from top right and moving clockwise.) The MTT team was with us for a week, ministering in Hampstead Primary school (pic#2), a youth rally (#3), Ashburton Christian School (#4), our Sunday morning service (#5), and Lagmhor Primary School (#6). They also ministered in a local

Adult Day Center. On Sunday we had fellowship around food as good Baptists do! (#7)

Nancy has been working with the teen Sunday School class to memorize Romans 6. Four of them quoted the entire chapter in church one Sunday morning. (#8) It has been a blessing to watch our young people grow up, we now have 10 ages 12-17.

In July we had a “Parenting Conference” with a couples banquet on Saturday evening and messages on parenting in the Sunday services. John Lehman, author of books on Marriage, Parenting, and Fitness, was our guest

speaker (#9).

We tried for several weeks to have an influence at the local high school. On Thursday evenings after school we hired a hall across from the school. The school was not willing to allow us to advertise on their property, and some parents were opposed to our distribution of flyers. (#10) We were even pulled up by the police, questioning what we were doing. We held the meetings for 4 weeks and will meet again during the final term of the school year.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support! The need is great, the time is short and 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,

Mike and Nancy Grove

Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton

Prayer Requests:

Home Church: Eagle Heights Baptist Church, 5600 N. Brighton Ave., Kansas City, MO 64119 Ph.: 816-454-7410

Missions Office: WWNTBM, P.O. Box 725, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 Ph.: 704-730-1440

E-mail: fivegroversinkcmo@isotechnetworks.net; Skype username: michaelgrove64 Skype phone: **816-399-4820**

Field Address: **54 Cross Street, Allenton, Ashburton 7700 New Zealand** Ph.: +6433084695



- 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 hired a hall across the street from the school and met four times. We will meet again beginning in October to make another effort to minister to the teens as they walk home from school.**
- Pray for new attendees for our Blast Club.** 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.**
- 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, accepted Christ as his Saviour while they were visiting family in the Philippines. They made it back safely from their visit and we have begun discipleship again.**
- 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. Ian recently was married, pray we will be able to reach out to him and his new wife. 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 has begun an HVAC apprenticeship, an answer to months of prayer that God would open a door. Pray for Kelly as she is expecting #2, our first grandson.**
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is struggling again, but God has been good. **We will be making a quick trip back to the U.S. for the birth of our first grandson. While in the states we will visit two new churches to try to replace some of the churches which have had to drop our support (due to closing their doors or declining attendance).** 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. **We will be trying to see our supporting churches in Arizona and Colorado as well as attending a Family Camp in Chewelah, WA. Our time in the U.S. next year will be from May 1 to July 31. Contact us if you would like us to try to schedule a visit.**

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!**