

New Zealand News

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from Mike and Nancy Grove

*"For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such."
I Corinthians 16:18*



The last two months have been busy but refreshing. We were not planning to be in the States until Stephen's graduation in 2018, but our daughter surprised us with the announcement that our second grandchild was due in September. We decided to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary with a quick trip to the U.S. for the arrival of our first grandson, Levi James Cuthrell. What a blessing to spend time with our daughter's family, as well as our other family in Kansas City, MO, Greenville, SC, and Huntingdon, PA.

In late August we were happy to have our friends, Mike and Ruth Schell, come to take our ministry for the time we were in the U.S. The Schell's were influential in helping us find direction when the Lord called us to the ministry. It was Mike who directed us toward the English-speaking countries in the world that needed Pastors, thus pointing us toward New Zealand. We are thankful for their example of being faithful servants in the ministry. What a privilege to introduce them to

our church family in Ashburton and to have them minister in our stead while we were gone. The people greatly enjoyed their hospitality and Bible teaching and preaching. Their children, Sarah and Jason, were also a great example to the young people in our church.

Two days after we arrived back in New Zealand, we headed off to teen camp. Together with the Schells and our teens, we had a group of 16 in camp this year! God provided us with beautiful weather all week, despite the name of the camping area being "Raincliff"! The teens had a wonderful time with challenging preaching, practical skills lessons, exciting games, and even good food! To top it all off, two young men accepted Christ as Saviour.

We have seen steady numbers in our church ministry with an average of 30 people Sunday morning and evening as well as 15 to 20 on Wednesday evening. We look forward to school starting again next week and returning to our regular "Bibles in Schools" and BLAST club. We also will be trying to have a Bible study after school with the college (high school) aged students. Please be in prayer as we minister to the next generation.

Thank you to all who pray for us and support us financially. You have a definite part in our ministry and we welcome any who would like to come visit this beautiful part of the world. We are grateful every day for the opportunity to be used by God to find the lost sheep and feed the flock here. God bless you all as you serve Him in your mission field.



Serving together with you,

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Teen Camp