

Merry Christmas from New Zealand

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from Mike and Nancy Grove

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6***

It has been a blessing to share the Truth about Christmas with over 150 children in the public primary schools. We are praying they will see how wonderful the gift of the Gospel could be in their lives – because God was willing to come to earth as a babe in a manger. Over the last 7 weeks we have endeavoured to explain God as a Wonderful Creator, Welcoming Father, and Loving Shepherd but also a Righteous Judge.... leading to the explanation of the gift of Jesus Christ. Why all the excitement about Jesus' birth? Now they know, what will they do with it? Be praying for these children and the teachers who also get to hear.



Last month we were privileged to celebrate Thanksgiving with some other American missionaries. An excellent opportunity to remember all that we have to be thankful for – not the least of which is all of you who support us financially and through your prayers for our ministry.



We have had a few new opportunities to minister at this time of the year with the many community activities and “Christmas get-togethers” with contacts we have made over the past years. We often get to see some of our “Bible’s in Schools” children at these community activities. This makes it possible to meet their parents and other friends and relatives - Open doors for future ministry.

Please be in prayer about some new discipleship opportunities Nancy and I have been able to undertake. One young man called us looking for a church in the area. He recently brought his family out of a “Christian” commune/cult type organization. This has obviously resulted in some personal and family issues which we are trying to help him through. He is currently separated from his wife and children but is faithfully attending our services and Bible studies as well as one-on-one discipleship. Pray for victory in his life and restoration for this young family.

It is a busy but wonderful time of the year! No hope for a “White Christmas”, but we can’t complain about the nice summer days. May God bless you all with wonderful times with your families and opportunities to share the true meaning of Jesus’ Birth!

Serving together with you,

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