

Grateful Greetings from New Zealand

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from Mike and Nancy Grove

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. I Kings 18:39

In Elijah's day it took fire from heaven.... What is it that will get people's attention today to help them see that The LORD is The Only God. What is happening in your life that you can point to and say, "The LORD is The God, He is good, all the time!" Since our last letter we have had many opportunities to see the goodness of God.....

The first week of the new year was spent enjoying four days at family camp. About 80 people from the different IBC's on the South Island joined together for a time of preaching, singing, fun, food, and fellowship.



The schools are closed for the summer holiday from before Christmas until the first week of February. With no Bibles in Schools for several weeks we focused more on church family



activities. We had our Family fun nights, weekly teen nights on Fridays, a men and boys overnight outing to Lake Heron. You can look up the **Arrowsmith Station at Lake Heron New Zealand** to see the beautiful scenery we enjoyed. We spent the night in the Woolshed, a very basic and "fragrant" setting. Two men from the church helped me cook bacon, eggs, and "Texas toast" for breakfast. We enjoyed kayaking and swimming in the lake, fishing for land-locked Salmon and trout (three were caught), and biking.

Besides our regular services and Bible studies, we were able to attend a Bible Conference in Wellington, sponsored by the Bible Baptist Church of Wellington. It was a wonderful, refreshing time of good preaching and fellowship. The theme was "For Such A Time As This." Eleven different men preached over 2 1/2 days. **(Pictures on Facebook)**

Please be in prayer as we continue to work with the folks we are discipling. We also will begin Bibles in Schools again on February 12, as well as our BLAST club. We will be having a Valentine's Day Banquet on the 14th for our entire church family. A Pastor from the North Island will be our special speaker. Also be in prayer for the Ladies' Retreat Nancy will be hosting the 8th – 10th of March. We will also be teaching an English Grammar class for the students of the New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Program – it just happens to be the same week as the Retreat. Needless to say, things will not slow down for some time. But we can see God working as we see visitors attending the services, people growing spiritually, and the seed of the Gospel being planted.

We will be making a three month trip back to the U.S. for Stephen's graduation the first week of May thru the end of July. If you have not contacted me about visiting your church, please understand I do not have many openings left. I have scheduled those who have contacted me, but I may be able to fit others in if you let me know.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Look for God's blessings – they are plentiful!

Serving together with you,

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