

# Grateful Greetings from New Zealand

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from Mike and Nancy Grove

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ... Ephesians 1:3*

As we ride across the Pacific on our way to Los Angeles, it is a blessing to think about all we have in Christ Jesus. Paul makes it very clear in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus. We are reminded of who we were... "But God, who is rich in mercy... hath raised us up together... in Christ." And we have the privilege of telling others about these riches.



This will just be a quick update to let everyone know all is well. We left the church in the hands of experienced missionaries, Jerry and Denise Smith. It was good to spend a week with them, showing them around Ashburton, introducing them to the people, and the workings of the ministry. We are confident that our people will take good care of them.

March and April were busy with our



normal Bibles in Schools, BLAST club, Bible studies, and services. Nancy and I taught an English Grammar class to the students from the New Zealand Bible Baptist Training Program. Nancy had a successful ladies' retreat with over 40 attendees. Nancy was able to lead one lady to the Lord after she was influenced by the teaching at the Ladies' Retreat and the Sunday service the following week. She approached Nancy and said she was ready to accept Christ. Needless to say Nancy was excited to have the opportunity to reap the fruit of much sowing and prayer.

Easter Sunday was a little disappointing in that we did not have any visitors, but many were given an opportunity to read the Gospel in the local newspaper. We took out a full page ad to invite people to our Easter services and to share the importance of Jesus. Now we are going door to door asking people about their knowledge of Jesus and hoping for an opportunity to share the Gospel.

We will be attending our son Stephen's graduation the first week of May, then visiting the Ark Encounter in Kentucky on our way to meetings in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. We will be taking Stephen to the airport in New York for his mission's trip to Germany, and then continuing on in meetings across the country, as far as Tucson and Washington state. Please pray for our safety as we travel.

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

*Serving together with you,*

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