

Grateful Greetings from the Groves

June/July 2018

Your Missionaries to New Zealand

What a blessed and busy two months it has been since we arrived back in the U.S. for a short furlough. We have visited 15 of our supporting churches with one more to visit next week. Mixed in with our visits we have spent a good amount of time with each of our children and grandchildren. We can thankfully say as John did in 3 John verse 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

We arrived in Greenville, SC on April 30th and stayed with our son John and his wife Amber. John and Amber are working in the Greater Greenville area, active in their local church, and waiting for God's timing to move on to the next opportunity in life. It was a blessing to stay in their home and to contribute a little to their remodelling plans by refinishing their kitchen cabinets.

Stephen graduated with honours from Bob Jones University, received the Social Studies Award for his work in that field, and was chosen to give a testimony at the graduation service. What a blessing to watch him as he searches for God's next step in his life. We were able to spend some time with Stephen as we travelled to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky, then on to New York City, by way of two churches in Central PA. Stephen flew out of JFK Airport to take a 7 week mission's trip to Germany and England. We took that opportunity to visit the 9-11 Museum and several other sights in Manhattan.

After dropping Stephen off at JFK we travelled to our next meeting in New Hampshire, by way of Cape Cod and the Plymouth Rock. We are thankful for the safety God provides in travelling the country!

We spent some time with my parents in Central, PA before heading to meetings in Pittsburgh, PA and Rivesville, West Virginia. Then on to a two week visit in the Kansas City area, not only visiting 5 supporting churches but also refinishing our daughter Kelly's kitchen cabinets, and... spending time with our Grandchildren Sophia and Levi.

We enjoyed our time at the WWNTBM Family Week in Shelby, NC the third week of June before visiting friends in South Carolina, reporting to a church in Hampton, GA, and ending the month with our son in Greenville, SC. At that point we had driven over 7,000 miles.

We used some of our "air miles" to fly back to Kansas City at the end of June, arriving in time to drive to a meeting in Arkansas on July 1st. Our daughter and son-in-law and their children joined us as we reported back to the wonderful little supporting church in Omaha, Arkansas.

On July 8th we spent the day at our home church, Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO. It is always a blessing to catch up with so many who had an influence in our lives for over 20 years as we served the Lord there before moving to New Zealand.

Currently we are in the Phoenix, AR area "enjoying" the "dry heat" and reporting back to our supporting churches in Gilbert and Tucson. Please pray for us as we fly to Spokane, WA on Saturday, 21 July for a week of meetings and Family Camp with our supporting church in Chewelah, WA.

We fly back to our home in Ashburton on August 2nd from Spokane, WA. We look forward to immediately getting back to normal Sunday services and then on Monday morning we start our Bibles in Schools again. Please pray for safety and the strength to overcome the jet lag and get right back to the wonderful opportunities God has given us.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Pray for the moving of the Holy Spirit in hard hearts!

Serving together with you,

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