

Grateful Greetings from the Groves

August/ September 2018

Your Missionaries to New Zealand

After a wonderful time in Eastern Washington, we boarded a plane in Spokane to make the long trip home to New Zealand. Our 3 months of visiting supporting churches and spending time with our family, especially the grandchildren, was over. It was a blessing! We were able to report back to almost half of the people who make the ministry in New Zealand possible. Now it was time to get back to the work that they have been praying for and supporting.

We arrived home on Saturday afternoon, August 4th, and were greeted by one of the young couples we are discipling – with a birthday cake for Mike. Sunday it was back to the regular services, Monday the regular Bible's in Schools and Blast club, and so on. The people were well cared for by the couple that filled in for us. We are grateful for people who follow God's leading in their lives to fill the gap for missionaries who need to return to report to their supporting churches, get medical attention, or even just get back to visit their families at important occasions. Brother Jerry Smith and his wife Denise have our highest recommendations – they fed and cared for the flock like it was their own, simply carrying on with what we were doing.

August was a busy month with all the regular weekly activities and a visit from our missionary to Romania, Piripi Scott.

In September a young couple came to me with a desire to dedicate their baby. Biblical baby dedication is often confused with “baby baptism” and “christening” so we had a good visit about the matter. Before the meeting was over, they both realized their biggest need was to ask Christ to be their Saviour. What a blessing to see them both pray to accept Christ as their Saviour and to then be truly qualified to dedicate themselves to the Lord for the training up of their baby boy – in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We are excited to have our youngest son here for a couple of weeks. He will be a blessing especially to the young people in our church. Teen camp is coming up the first week of October and he will be helping with that, as well as organising teen activities with our church young people.

God is working in our church family. We have at least 5 desiring to be baptized at our October 14th baptism service. The overall atmosphere seems to be a desire to learn more from God's Word and to be able to share it with workmates, friends and family. What more can a Pastor ask for? Other than help in achieving that task. Please pray for Brett and Jenny Hoffman as they begin deputation to come help us. And again, thank you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry!



Serving together with you,

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