

Grateful Greetings from the Groves

July/August 2019

Your Missionaries to New Zealand

Where have the last two months gone?! Winter is almost over. Some of the early flowers are blooming and the grass is getting green. No doubt we'll have one last blast of cold weather, but overall it has not been a bad winter. Calving season for most of our farmers is more than half over, there are plenty of new lambs flocking in the fields, it is a great time of year!

Over the last two months we have been busy with all the usual ministries... Bibles in Schools has been going well, as well as our usual church services on Sunday and Wednesday. Our attendance in the Sunday morning service was reaching the mid-50's before calving season started. Currently the two services have levelled back out to the 30 to 40 average. Please pray for our dairy farmers at this time of year.

In mid-July we were able to go to a Family Conference on the North Island. The speaker for the week was Dean of Men at college when Nancy and I were in school. It was good to meet him and his wife and to hear very good preaching on the family, marriage, and parenting. Very helpful material to bring back to our own church family.

As I mentioned last month, 1st birthdays are a big thing.

In August, our Brazilian family had their turn. There will be a few more to celebrate before the year is over.

Teen activities and "Family Fun Night" are two monthly events that everyone enjoys. We are happy to have one of our young

families helping with the teen activities. They just happen to have our youngest church member to look after while they help, but they are a big help, even on our first all-nighter. They also have volunteered to teach the Junior age Sunday school class on Sunday morning.



In August we had the privilege of filling in for another Pastor who is planting a church in Queenstown. It is a beautiful area but a very difficult one. The majority of the people work in tourism and probably half the population on any given day is made up of tourists.

Later in the month we were able to host a visiting Pastor and his wife from Virginia. We had a fast and furious "Tiki tour" of a small part of the South Island – an attempt to give them a quick overview of the beauty and the need here in New Zealand. It was a blessing to share the need with another couple... the more people we have praying, the more results we will see! Thank you all for your prayers and support!!



Serving together with you,

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