

# Grateful Greetings from the Groves

September/October 2019

## Your Missionaries to New Zealand

Spring is here, or at least trying to be! Still the danger of an overnight frost, but the flowers and trees are blooming and the tomato plants are waiting to be able to go outside. It's a wonderful time of year.

September flew by with the normal church services, discipleship, Bibles in Schools, prayer meetings and such. We have begun a "Hymn Singalong" at a local retirement centre. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month we meet and sing the old hymns of the faith with the residents of the home. They enjoy singing the old songs that they remember for years gone by while the resident "budgie" (parakeet) sings along with us.



At the end of September we took our teens to the South Island teen camp. We heard wonderful preaching on the theme of "Yielding to the Will of the Master." The teens learned some survival techniques regarding collecting and purifying water as well as practical church ministry skills such as teaching a Sunday school lesson. Two of our teens were team leaders and one of them won the camper of the week. They each had the opportunity to share a testimony in church.



October 13<sup>th</sup> was Friend Day at VBC. We had a good turnout with 7 visitors. We enjoyed special music by two of our families and followed the service up with a "Sausage Sizzle."

The next few weeks will be busy as we have a Baby Dedication on Sunday, 20 October, our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singalong, and in November, a Men's Prayer Advance we will be traveling to on the North Island.



We have been averaging over 40 people each Sunday morning with the added blessing of some visiting families that continue to attend. Pray with us that some of these visitors will make the commitment to become active members of our church family.

We have had a two week school holiday which means a break from Bibles in schools. This school term we look forward to having 3 or 4 opportunities to share the real meaning of Christ and Christmas with two schools that we do not get to go to on a regular basis. Both the Lagmhor and Tinwald Primary schools allow us only the weeks prior to the Christmas and Easter holiday – we are thankful for any opportunity we can get to share the Truth with these children. I can't imagine the shock many of the parents are going to receive when they stand before God and realize they are going to be held accountable for denying their children the opportunity to come to Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support in helping us do our part! God bless you all!

*Serving together with you,*

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