



*You shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes.*
Luke 2:12

**Christmas Greetings from
the Groves in New Zealand!**

As the world begins to focus its attention on the music and merriment of the Christmas Season, we want to remind you of the most precious opportunity of the season for those who know why Christ was born – giving the gift of the Gospel! If it were not for those of you who faithfully support us with your prayers and financial support, we would not have been able to share the truth of the Gospel with well over 100 primary school students in the public school. What a blessing to be able to send home with each student a manger and cross craft representing the real reason Jesus came to earth – to die on the cross for our sins and to rise again to give us victory over death!

As you can imagine, this is a difficult time of the year to be away from all of our children and grandchildren (though the internet has made this much better than it would have been in years past). Many in our church family are in the same situation so we enjoy our fellowship together as family by adoption. 😊 Earlier this year we organized “VBCUnited” in which we paired up with another family each month. Two times of fellowship were to be planned, “home and away.” A great way to get families together who might not normally do so.

Thanksgiving Day is not celebrated in New Zealand but we were able to join with two other American families to enjoy the fellowship with turkey, sweet potato cassarole, pumkin pie, and the other items of lesser importance. 😊

One of our ladies has organized a children’s program in which ALL of the children will be involved – 7 months thru 10 years old. We look forward to seeing the children recreate the Biblical account of Christ’s birth. We anticipate some excitement from the little ones!

As the New Year approaches, we again thank you for making it possible for us to invest another year in the lives of the New Zealand people. May God richly bless you as you remember His gracious gift and strive to put Him first in the Christmas season and the year to come.

Serving our Saviour together,
Mike and Nancy Grove
Victory Baptist Church, Ashburton



Pictures from the last two months:

