

Grateful Greetings from the Groves

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Your Missionaries to New Zealand

Summer is almost gone, where has the time gone! Unlike the Northern Hemisphere, we start summer with Christmas. Our children did a great job of acting out activities around

the birth of our Saviour. Even the infants were involved, with a little help from their “invisible” parents. On Christmas day we had a church picnic with all the church folk, like us, who are separated from our blood family, but enjoy our family because of The Blood of Jesus!

The next event was our annual family camp, which takes place the first

week of the year. This year we celebrated the New Year while at camp. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, preaching, eating, and just catching up with families from other churches on the South Island.

Our church group always sings a special on Wednesday night. The children are plentiful and one of the highlights for them is “sled riding” on the hill with cardboard boxes. Who needs video games when you have a box to play with and plenty of friends around?!



Our new normal Sunday AM group



Our summer time has been full with Nancy and I having outings with the individuals of the church. Not only discipleship times in the Word, but on the hiking trails, bike trails, and fishing spots. Also a bridal shower for one of our church ladies, teen activities, a men and boys camping trip, and a trip to the North Island for a wedding. Cate, one of our church members, married Piripi, one of our missionaries, and

together they will be serving in Romania. We lose a church member but gain a missionary!

This month we will be having our annual Family Valentine's day banquet. We are looking forward to having Pastor David Smith and his family as the special guests. Pastor Smith is the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Whangarei way up at the top of the North Island.

School has started again for the new year. We will be getting back to our Bibles in Schools soon. Thank you for your prayers and support in helping us reach Ashburton for Christ! God bless you all!

Serving together with you,

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