

# Grateful Greetings from the Groves

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## Your Missionaries to New Zealand



Have you ever heard the phrase, "It's been a long week today!" I'm sure that is how most of us are feeling at this point in the year! What a difference a month can make. At this time one



month ago, we had just spent a wonderful week with our oldest son and his wife. We had a great time visiting with them and showing them the South Island. It was Amber's first visit to New Zealand. Shortly after they returned the U.S. we found out that the school in which we have been teaching "Bibles in Schools" was having a board meeting to decide if we could continue.... While we were waiting for that decision, the COVID-19 scare arrived in New Zealand. Nancy was able to squeeze the Annual South Island Ladies' Retreat in just before the government declared schools closed and no public gatherings.



Much work goes into the planning of the Ladies' Retreat, so it was great that they were able to continue with their plans. No doubt the encouragement of being together with other ladies was helpful in their being able to survive the isolation they are enduring now.

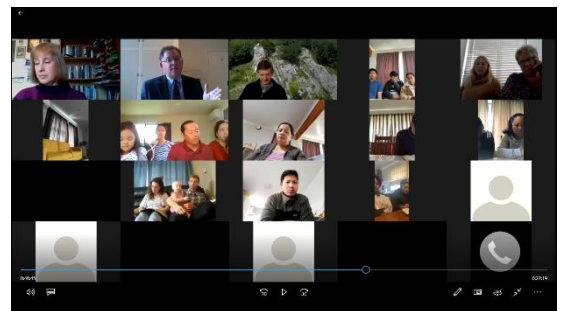
With schools closed, nursing homes locked down, and all "nonessential" travel closed down, we have become very dependent on the "world-wide



web"! Like most churches, we are now having all of our meeting on the internet, and enjoying as close to perfect attendance as we've ever had!

We are praying the lockdown will be over soon so that we can return to our normal outreach and one-on-one ministry. The church is not a building, it is the people, but we still need to be able to get together as a church family.

At this point, we are learning to use the technology at hand to reach out to those who are in need. We are thankful that God is in control and He has a plan even in this difficult time. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we press on in these end times. May God continue to bless all of you in your efforts to use these difficulties for God's glory.



*Serving together with you,*

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