

Grateful Greetings

from the Groves in New Zealand

January/February 2021

The New Year began with a flurry, no pun intended – it has been a beautiful summer. Our South Island Family Camp is always the first week of the year. Victory Baptist Church has been the special music for the Wednesday night service for the last 6 or more years. This year we sang, “I Run to Christ” by Chris Anderson and Greg Habegger. This has been our theme for 2021 – Run to Christ. Three of the phrases have been most applicable already this year – “Run to Christ when chased by fear,” “torn by grief,” and “worn by life.” It is so easy to be hindered by these antagonists, but we can “Run to Christ” for refuge, abundant peace and joy!

The changes in the world, the unexpected loss of Nancy’s father, the inability to get back to the United States to be with family at this difficult time..., all these have made for a difficult year so far. But God is good to give us obvious ways to see that He is still in control. The most exciting has been the salvation of a young Chinese couple, recently moving here from Communist China, never having heard about Jesus – both accepted Christ within a two week period! This is fruit from one of our young ladies’ wanting to start a “Coffee Time” for ladies. Nancy was able to lead Tina to Christ after “Coffee Time” on Tuesday, about 2 weeks ago. Then, after the Valentine’s Day message on “Without Truth, there is no Love,” Nancy had the opportunity to talk to David, with his wife, Tina as witness, and see him accept Christ as his personal Saviour. I’m a little jealous that I didn’t get to be there, but praise God for bringing this couple along to encourage us. God has given us the opportunity to move to a



larger home, for the same rental price as our previous home. Note the new address below!! This has been a good test, and good therapy for the new shoulder. The replacement surgery seems to have been a success so far – the lack of pain has been a wonderful blessing!

We had a beautiful day for a baptismal service earlier this month. Praise God for young people who want to obey Christ. We will be having another service again soon!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. God has been blessing here in Ashburton. We are praying about the possibility of a building of our own, whether we purchase an existing building or build one to suit. We are waiting on the Lord and would appreciate you praying with us. As we see the world change around us, setting up for the end times as predicted in Scripture, Run to Christ! God bless!

Because of Christ,

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