

The days, weeks, and months are clicking away.... Hard to believe we are into the fall and thinking about Mother's Day just around the corner! Since our last newsletter, we are still living in a "locked down" country with closed borders. They are planning to open the border to travel between here and Australia soon. Our prayer is that by the time Brett and Jenny Hoffman have their support raised, the borders will be open – without the mandatory 2 weeks quarantine. We are looking forward to their help.

The discipleship load has increased recently – actually more people to disciple than we have days to schedule it. We have three teenagers who have recently turned 18 and want to become members of the church. We also have our new believers whom we are discipling – it's a wonderful problem to have so many wanting discipleship. Please pray we can get them all scheduled to meet their time needs.

Nancy had her annual Ladies' Retreat, her largest crowd yet. They had a wonderful time learning how to be "Sweet in a bitter world". And they had lots of sweets to eat. 😊

We made note in the last newsletter that we have moved to a new address, **12 Davidson Street**. We are still receiving mail sent to the old address – please pass the change on to all who are corresponding with us. The new shoulder held up well to



the move and I praise the Lord for the lack of pain and the increasing strength in the new "bionic shoulder".

Our oldest member celebrated 95 years on April 1st. What a blessing that she is still able to get out to church to fellowship with us. We are thankful she was able to be with us on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. We had a good number, 59, even though the many unsaved visitors we invited did not attend. So many are so lost they don't even know what they are missing.

At the end of the month we will be taking a group of 8 teens to the North Island Teen Camp. We look forward to seeing God work in their lives. Already, two of the young men have expressed a desire to attend the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program in which Nancy and I teach an English Grammar and Writing class. I also teach the Poetical Books and Creation/Evolution classes. This year there are 5 students, two of which are from our church. We are praying for more of our young men to take the course and be open to God's calling in their lives. Please pray with us. Souls are being saved, people are being disciplined – God is working! Thank you for your help in our ministry! ...Because of Christ,

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