

Grateful Greetings

from the Groves in New Zealand

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Spring is here, our first spring at our current home. It is interesting and beautiful to see the plants bloom, discovering what is planted in the gardens. Similar to watching our children grow and seeing what gifts God has planted in each of them. We miss watching our grandchildren grow, in person, but we have a group of adopted children we are watching. Our youth group and children's classes are growing up and we are excited to see what God will do through them.

Our regular meetings have been interrupted slightly in the past two months as the country went into lockdown due to the "Delta Variant." We continued meeting by way of Zoom during the lockdown, but returned to regular meetings as soon as possible. The South Island has been free from Covid for the most part. Now the pressure to take the vaccine has begun, with mandates being put into place. We will need to make a decision soon, especially if we want to travel back to the States at any time in the near future.

Along with our normal services, prayer meetings, Bible studies, and discipleship meetings, we have been running the "Kid's Under Construction" Club mentioned in the last newsletter. It has been a blessing to see as many as 11 children attend, 7 consistently. We finished one quarter with the children and are looking forward to the next quarter starting on October 19. Be praying as we seek to see these children make a decision for Christ.



Teen camp was a great blessing this year. We had 41 campers, 8 from our church. One of our teens invited a friend, Eli (Elly), who we have known



from our BLAST club in the past. On Thursday night he accepted Christ as his Saviour. He then came to church on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and has agreed to discipleship sessions which we have already started. There were a total of 5 salvation decisions and several other teens made decisions of other types. The camp speaker and his family are included in the picture to the right. Pastor Dan Fraser, his wife Vicki, and 5 children.

We continue to pray for the borders to open allowing the Hoffmans to come help us. Please pray also for one of our young families as the husband, Sam, has expressed a desire to do the Bible study necessary to prepare him for possible ministry. We have been praying for a "Kiwi" to step up and be willing to serve the Lord as a Pastor. This might be the one.

Thank you for continuing to support us with your prayers and offerings. We are truly blessed to be able to serve our Saviour in times like these. We couldn't do it without you! May God richly bless you as you serve Him!

Because of Christ,

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