



**Christmas Greetings** from the Groves,  
your Missionaries to New Zealand

**December 2021**

Dear Family and Friends,

We have many things to be thankful for this year, but nothing more wonderful than the fact that we know the answer each person needs in order to find true peace! With all that is happening around us, we are finding more and more people asking, "What in the world is going on?" Could this be our last Christmas opportunity? Only God knows, but urgency is highly recommended!

You may have heard about the mandates here, requiring the "vax" and creating two classes of people. It has also created a group of people who want to know answers. Just this week we were able to share the Truth with a group of people standing up against the mandates. They wanted to know what the Bible had to say about the end times and came to our house for a Bible Study. Of course, there is no way to talk about end times without first talking about the One Who can prepare us for the end times.

We also had the opportunity to share the Gospel, starting with the Biblical "Christmas" story, in the primary school. This year Nancy and I and RJ, one of our teens, each had a class of students and three 30 minute sessions to share the truth. What a joy to see many of them understand the Gospel for the first time. God only knows how many of them will make a decision for Him after this exposure to the Truth.

The teens are preparing for a Christmas Eve production, acting out the Biblical account of Christ's birth and using it to share the Gospel. We are praying for a good turnout. We have been averaging almost 50 on Sunday mornings, including some visitors we have met thru the "anti-mandate" groups. We may soon face persecution for our non-discriminating stand, but as we have been studying in the book of Acts, persecution will come and it will make the church grow stronger!

What a year this has been! None of it would have been possible without you, our prayer and financial supporters! This Christmas season we want to thank you for your faithfulness – God is working! People are waking up! Seeds are being planted. Souls are being saved. Christians are growing stronger. All the while, we are listening for the trumpet. What a Merry Christmas that would be!

Because of Christ,

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A few photos from the past few months:



Farmers protesting new "Green" laws

Sunday School class with Bro. Sam and his wife, Michaela teaching



Spring planting time



Church picnic – fresh crayfish (lobster in the U.S.)





Teen activity with churches in Christchurch –  
Bubble Soccer



After school Kid's Club



Nancy's nursery team. The boys must be hiding.



Christmas craft time at club





Thanksgiving with the Hutchens and Reynolds



Game time after Friday night Teen Discipleship



Gift box from a supporting church. 😊



Visiting our oldest member, Audrey (on the right) with her twin sister, Leslie.