

Grateful Greetings

from the Groves in New Zealand

March/April 2022



April is almost over! Where did the time go? We have been so busy letterboxing and preparing for Easter Sunday as well as our church anniversary... I forgot about writing a newsletter! Sorry about that!

Since our last newsletter, we have returned to life as normal, ignoring the constant media scare tactics. Nancy and I both came down with the "cold" virus, as well as almost everyone in our church. A few days of being "under the weather" and everyone was back to normal – a little bit of lingering fatigue but praise the Lord, no serious side effects for anyone.

We were not able to meet in our normal school hall for a couple of weeks, but we enjoyed the diversion, getting together at one of our member's houses. A little inconvenient, 25 minutes from town, but God still knew where we were. 😊

We had our normal teen activities, one combined with the churches in Christchurch. We also are continuing with our normal Tuesday night Bible studies, teen ABC's for Christian growth, and discipleship for new members. We currently have one family and two 18 year olds seeking membership. A baptismal service will be happening soon.

In preparation for Resurrection Day, we distributed 4,000 flyers with a colourful explanation of Easter's real

meaning on one side and a clear plan of salvation on the other.

We combined Easter Sunday with our 20th anniversary as an organized church. One of our young men helped me put together a video, "20 years in 20 minutes," using pictures from the last 20 years. We had our normal service including the Lord's Supper. Then we had a good ole' Baptist potluck followed by the video and a time for testimonies. Even with some folks out for work and "isolation due to testing positive," we had 57, including 10 visitors!

Through it all, God has been growing us. We are grateful for your prayers and support! May God richly bless you as you serve Him!

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Thank you for remembering us in prayer! Feel free to send prayer requests for us to take to the Lord on your behalf.



Ladies' Night at our house



Men's Bible Study



Enjoying some of our adopted "grandchildren"!

Sheena in crèche with more of our "grands"



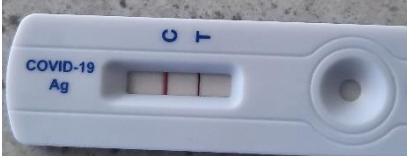
Sheena receiving her 2 yr. certificate from NZBBTP – our first graduate

This the pow'r of the cross.
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross!



Teaching English grammar online

Yippee! Nancy tests positive!



Teen activity in Christchurch