

Grateful Greetings

from the Groves in New Zealand

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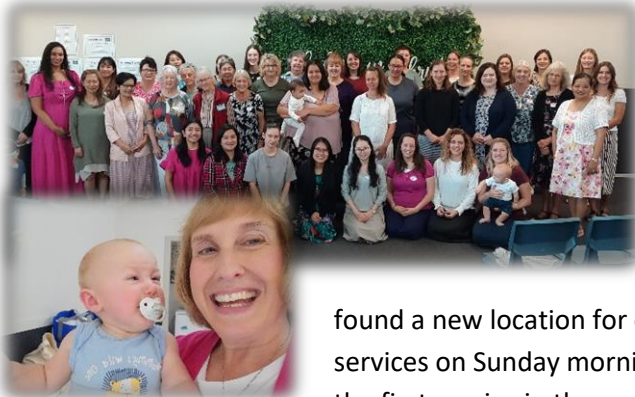
The leaves are changing colours, falling in the streets... Autumn is here. Sadly it reminds me of the verse in Isaiah 59:14, "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." We must keep lifting up the Truth! Charles Spurgeon said, "If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

The Hoffmans arrived at the end of February, after 2 years of trying to get into the country, and immediately took Sunday services while Nancy and I travelled to the North Island. We had the privilege of teaching the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program's first year students a crash course in



English Grammar and Writing. There were 3 new students in the program – all from our church!

Arriving back from teaching, Nancy finished her preparation for the Annual Ladies' Retreat. They had a wonderful time with over 50 ladies attending.



We

found a new location for our church services on Sunday mornings. April 2nd was the first service in the new location. It was



Easter shared lunch in our new location.

a wonderful service as we had a Baby Dedication for one of our couples. A wonderful opportunity to give the Biblical importance of parents dedicating themselves to the training of their children and giving the children back to God. We had over 70 in attendance.



It was a privilege to baptize Richard, the father of one of our teens. What a blessing to see his desire to be a better example for his family.

These two months have gone by quickly as we keep up with the regular activities of church. We now have "Singalongs" in three Retirement centres, singing the old favourite hymns with the elderly residents. The third one was added in March when I received a call from the activities director requesting that we come – she had heard about what a blessing it was to the residents of one of the other homes! Keep holding up the Truth for All!

We wouldn't be able to be here if it were not for your prayers and financial support. Thank You! And may God continue to bless you as you serve Him in your mission field!

Because of Christ,

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