

Grateful Greetings

From the Groves in New Zealand

May/June 2023

We jumped from falling leaves to budding trees in just 24 hours! April was an emotional rollercoaster as we said goodbye to those we have poured our lives into and made our move back to the United States of America. We know God has a plan for us, He has made it clear that it was time to return. But I must admit, we feel a lot like Abraham must have felt, going without knowing!



Going Away
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We believe God has sent the right man to fill our shoes, to prepare the next Pastor of Victory Baptist Church and to shepherd the flock until that time comes. The men of the church have stepped up, they have grown spiritually and the church is in a stable place to be able to continue to grow. We praise God for what He has done, through us, supported by you, our brothers

and sisters in Christ! Please continue to pray for Brett and Jenny Hoffman and the Victory Baptist Church family.

Currently we are living with Nancy's mother in Kansas City, Missouri. We have been serving in different churches as the opportunity arises as well as helping our children with projects with which they have needed help. I have preached at our home church and several times at a small church that is in need of a pastor. We have volunteered to help them with Vacation Bible School in July. There are several churches that we have been in contact with about the possibility of being their pastor. The only thing standing in the way of that decision is the eye condition.



On June 21st I will be seeing a Neurological Ophthalmologist at the Kansas University Eye Center. He is well known around the country for his experience and knowledge and has been highly recommended. We are praying that he will be able to give some answers to the biggest questions that need to be answered: What caused the problem? Will it get better? How can I keep it from happening in the other eye?

God knows the answers to these questions and he is also giving us doors of opportunity to knock on. Please pray that we will know which door is best for us, preferably that God will simply close all the doors except the right one! We want to continue doing what God called us to do in New Zealand, but here in our homeland. It seems clear that God used the eye situation to bring us back to where He wants us for the next chapter.

Thank you again for your prayers and support! Thank you to all who have called and sent notes of encouragement. Thank you especially to those who have continued to support us financially while we search for God's next step. We will let you know as soon as we know! Sadly the need is as great here, maybe greater, than it was in New Zealand. We will count it a blessing to be called back to the U.S. to continue reaching the lost and discipling the believers.

Because of Christ,

Mike and Nancy Grove

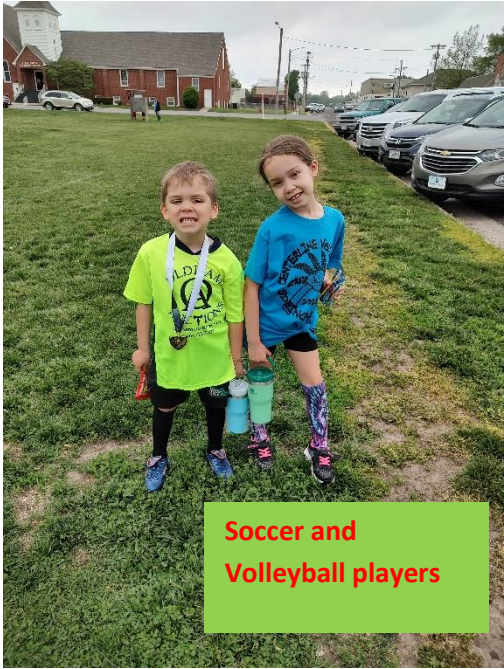
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