

# Grateful Greetings

From the Groves in New Zealand

July 2023

It hasn't been two months since the last update, but it seemed like a good time to let everyone know what is up with the Groves. We know God has a plan, but He hasn't revealed it to us yet! We have been checking the doors as He opens them, but we're still waiting for Him to keep one open so that we know it is the right one. Thank you to all who are praying, we know He will answer in His timing.

So as we wait... We have been busy doing pulpit supply where the opportunity arises. We have preached in two potential churches so far with one more scheduled and we are waiting for a fourth to get back with us. There are many churches right here in the Kansas City area in need of a pastor. We are willing to move wherever God would have us, but we are also willing to stay here in the Kansas City area.

The eye specialist on June 21<sup>st</sup> gave us some answers, but the overall news was not as good as we hoped. The Doctor confidently identified the problem as nerve damage caused by oxygen deprivation to the nerve due to sleep apnea. The damage that is done is permanent, meaning the left eye is no longer helpful. In fact, this week as we help in a VBS program, an eye patch has become part of the costume. I'm no "Patch the Pirate" but it works for the part of VBS Director, "Dr. Dino"! The Doctor (the real Doctor, not "Dr. Dino") seemed to think damage to the other eye could be prevented by consistently using a properly calibrated CPAP machine.



We are still living in Kansas City with Nancy's mother. This has been timely as we have been able to help her with living expenses and be here to support her through some difficult times. The latest event has been the diagnosis

that Nancy's only sister, Karen, has cancer and is not doing well. Please pray for the doctors as they try to see how far the cancer has progressed and attempt to stop it and get Karen back to her normal self.

July and August will find us traveling to preach at potential churches, visiting some supporting churches as the doors open, and visiting our son and daughter-in-law in SC and my parents in PA. Thank you very much to those who have continued to help us through this transition time. We will let you know as soon as God opens the door that He wants us to go through. We do not want to continue to be a burden on our supporting churches any longer than God deems it necessary for us to find His will.

Because of Christ,

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