## **Grateful Greetings** From the Groves





"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

I must admit, waiting is not easy, not something we enjoy, but it has renewed our desire to get back to where God wants us to minister. Pastor once told us, "God never gets in a hurry, but major changes happen quickly." It seems our waiting is suddenly over. We have been "hovering" in Kansas City, doing what we know to do, working parttime jobs, serving as much as possible in our home church. But God,

(I like those two encouraging words), but God has opened doors to make it clear it is time to land.

On May 16, Nancy and I will begin loading a truck to make the trip to Dothan, Alabama. God has opened the doors for a transfer within The Home Depot to begin work in Dothan on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Randy Boardman of Central Baptist Church in Dothan has asked Nancy and I to come along side to aid in the growth of the church. The goal is to serve as the bivocational Assistant Pastor while also continuing in the "ministry" at Home Depot.

God has provided a temporary home for us as we get settled and look for a house to call our own. We desire to find a place where we can settle down, have room for our kids and grandkids to visit, and get serving until the trumpet sounds! Nancy and I will both hit the big "6-0" this year, so thoughts of retirement, if the Lord tarries, are not so far in the future anymore! Please pray with us as we make Dothan our home and seek to reach the people for Christ.

Regarding the church where you faithfully helped us to serve in New Zealand, Victory Baptist Church of Ashburton.... They continue to grow under the leadership of Pastor Brett Hoffman and his wife, Jenny. We have heard good reports of the growth, not only in numbers, but also spiritually. It is a blessing to see the ones we worked with are continuing on with Pastor Brett and Jenny leading the charge.

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 now believe God has shown us the next mission field where He wants us to labor – Dothan, Alabama. A city of over 70,000 souls. We know God has more for us to do, closer to home. God bless all of you as you labor in the field God has placed you!

Because of Christ,

Mike and Nancy Grove



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