

Groves to New Zealand

Reaching the Hurunui District for Christ



Dear Friends,

We trust this letter finds you and your family well. We are currently serving the Lord at Central Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. Nancy and I have been serving in any capacity necessary as well as working secular jobs. As a former supporter of our ministry in New Zealand, we wanted to update you on our current plans. We are grateful for your friendship and your interest in our ministry.

We came off the field in April 2023 after serving at Victory Baptist Church in Ashburton, New Zealand for almost 12 years. God used my loss of eyesight in one eye and some family issues to get us back to the States. Little did we know that He also had us here for Nancy to be able to support her mother thru some difficult times with cancer in the family. Now those issues have been resolved as much is humanly possible and God has put a burden on our heart to return to our original calling – the people of New Zealand.

During our years in Ashburton, God gave me a desire to reach some of the harder to reach areas of the South Island. As the Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, time did not allow for the outreach into those lesser populated, back-country areas. It is our desire to go to one of these areas, The Hurunui District, and take the Gospel to the many little towns and individual homesteads scattered throughout the hills. It is an area with a total population of almost 15,000 people that has been passed over because of the lack of larger towns in which to plant a church. But as I have seen in the U.S., there are many areas where a church is planted in a rural area and people will come to the church/gathering place when they are introduced to the Bible and their need for Christ.

With that being said, I am writing to see if you would consider helping us return to the field. Feel free to call me with any questions you may have. If you are a Pastor, we would love to talk to you about setting up a meeting to present our ministry. We would like to be back on the field by November 2025. Please pray about helping us reach that goal.

Because of Christ,
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