

Grateful Greetings

April/May 2025

From the Groves in New Zealand

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."

Psalms 37:5 has been our theme, our encouragement, our experience, over the last few months. We have been in 16 churches since we started Deputation 2.0, and 14 of those have committed to support us in our return to New Zealand. We have a total of 25 churches committed to supporting us so far, accounting for approximately 50% of our needed support, though some have not confirmed the amount, and some are waiting until we are sure of our departure time. God has been blessing! He has reaffirmed our decision many times in the last few months!

On Easter Sunday we visited a church in Pennsylvania for their evening service. I mentioned that I believe God knows when someone in an unreached area is searching for a good Bible preaching church. God then puts it on the heart of someone to go there and plant a church. The very next morning, in my FB messages we had a note from someone who had heard from a friend that we were returning to NZ to plant a church in a little town called Amberley. He was writing to tell us that him and his wife live in Amberley and they have been praying for a Bible preaching Baptist Church to start there. God hears and answers prayers.

Since our last update... we had the joy of seeing our youngest son, Stephen, exchange vows with his sweet new bride, Kayla. We are excited to see what God will do with them as they work and minister in Bonham, TX.



We then had meetings in Colorado, North Carolina, and Virginia, as well as a week with the WWNTBM family at the Carroway Conference Center in Asheboro, NC. What a blessing to be encouraged by good preaching, inspiring testimonies, and good food and fellowship.

The mission's conferences and regular meetings continue to be a blessing! We go looking for ways to be a blessing. We come away having been blessed in more ways than I have time and space to mention in this newsletter. We meet people who know the same people we do. We meet retired missionaries and retired pastors whose testimonies motivate us to continue on. "Green" handshakes, unexpected checks and love gifts, a tank full of gas, comfortable places to stay between meetings, even an authentic jungle meal cooked by a veteran missionary to Papua New Guinea. So many blessings to confirm our direction on this path to which God has directed us.



We appreciate the prayers and support of so many of you and ask that you continue to pray for God's provision. Our goal is still November 2025 to leave for New Zealand. Our biggest needs will be to find a way to ship our belongings to Christchurch, find a suitable house in the Amberley area, and to design a website and introduction flyer to distribute in our target area, the Hurunui District.

Because of Christ,

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