

Grateful Greetings From the Groves to New Zealand

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

As we continue down the path God is leading us on, we see His hand of blessing in so many ways. Since our last update we have been in 9 different churches, a teen rally, and a week of teen camp. From central Virginia to eastern Pennsylvania, on to Ohio and Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas... now we are in the desert of Arizona for a series of meetings before we fly to Spokane, Washington for meetings, including one in Idaho.

Some of the blessings as we travel this path.... A church in Virginia contacted us to tell us they will be supporting us and they would like to pay for our plane tickets to return to New Zealand! A church in southeastern PA provided a prophet's chamber for us to spend a few days between meetings. We visited their church for the Wednesday evening service, and they surprised us with a generous love offering even though we did not have an official meeting.

We arrived at a church in the woods of southern Ohio on a Sunday morning. While we were greeting people a gentleman was pushed into the auditorium in a wheelchair. He was calling for the missionary. When I introduced myself, he handed me a Bible and said, "This morning the Holy Spirit told me to bring this Bible for you, and that you are to preach from it. My sister gave it to me years ago, so I brushed the dust off it and brought it for you." Yes, it seemed a little weird but let me tell you the rest of the story.

On the previous evening, we had visited the church of a young man who grew up at our original sending church in Kansas City. After a good time of fellowship with him and his church family, I left my Bible in one of the chairs in their auditorium. Sunday morning in preparation for the day's messages at a different church, I realized that my

large print preaching Bible was missing. I had a very small Bible to use, but reading from it is difficult with age and loss of one eye. Brother Bill, who didn't know me from Adam, showed up with the Bible God had told him to bring, and we realized that he had no use for it – he was blind! What an illustration of the way the Holy Spirit works! You just can't make it up!

God continues to confirm His direction in our lives. We are on track for a December 7th return to New Zealand.

We appreciate the prayers and support from so many of you and ask that you continue to pray for God's provision. God has provided a shipping company to get our belongings to New Zealand, but we still need to have the funds to do it. We have established a domain and website for our new church plant, Crossroads Baptist Church of the Hurunui District: www.crossroadsbaptisthurunui-nz.org.

Finding a suitable house in the Amberley area will be our next project but it will have to wait until we arrive in New Zealand, Lord willing, in December. God bless you all as you continue to serve Him!

Because of Christ,

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