

Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isaiah 61:11



We look forward to the fulfilment of this promise! As we watch Spring arrive, we continue to sow the seeds of the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word. Always looking for new hearts in which to sow the seed - God has been good to give us many opportunities!

Our clubs and Bibles in Schools continue to be a wonderful way to plant the seed. Many of these children will never hear these Truths anywhere else, but we pray the planting of the seed will develop into a searching for more and a harvest in the future.

Since our last newsletter, we have continued with our many outreach and

discipleship programs. To the right you can see the 3 young men who



were baptized in August.

We had an Apologetics class on Thursday nights to encourage and boost the confidence of a group of young people who attend the public school. One of the fathers asked me to give some instruction to some of the



high-schoolers who are going to face ridicule and false teaching in their classes.

We enjoy opportunities to spend time with our people and with new folks who move into our area, even if only for a short time. We were able to go hiking with a young couple who have been visiting our church. A wonderful time to visit and try to have a positive influence in



their lives as they make decisions about the future. In August the young man who led Kian to the Lord on "Facebook" was able to be here for a week. Cody is a student in the New Zealand Bible Training Program and was able to help with our different clubs, teaching Sunday School and preaching as well as witness the baptism service in which Kian was baptized. Pray for Cody as he seeks God's will for future ministry.

**Your continued prayers and support are vital!
God bless you all!**



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Prayer Requests:

- Teen camp 26-30 September – we will be taking 7 of our teens. Pray for Jacob, Sheena, RJ, Luke, Kian, Ben, and Caue.
- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Wakanui, Hampstead, and Lagmhor primary schools – 5 different classes in 3 schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school.
- Completed an apologetics class for the Christian teenagers in the community – enabling to take a stand for God, the Bible, and Creation as many are ridiculed for their beliefs in the public schools. Thursday's after school.
- Jeffrey, Rajit, Cable, Damien, and Georgia** who are attending BLAST club. They are unsaved but listening and asking questions. Pray they will begin to attend Sunday "Kids Club". Many have apathetic parents and the kids are on their own to decide if they want to come.
- Ethan was saved as a result of Bibles in School. He has been attending BLAST club and **we are still trying to get him involved in Sunday "Kids Club."** **Satan always seems to have something else for him to do.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays – Studying "Different by Design" by Schmidt
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Sandie and Melinda and family. Currently doing discipleship with the whole family on every second Tues. evening. The boys have been coming to S.S. somewhat consistently. Kian, the oldest boy, got saved after teen camp while talking to one of the older young men on facebook!
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- Rogelio and Maraysa** are seeking God's will in their lives.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. Pray for God's Word to soften and convict hearts. **We are focusing our outreach on families, gearing up for the Family Conference in December. Planning to letterbox and submit articles to the paper with the intent of getting parents to think about their desperate need of the Saviour's help in their lives and the lives of their children.**
- Knowing what to preach each week in order to effectively allow the Word of God to convict hearts and challenge believers to actively participate in missions wherever God has put them.
- Our new church attendees - taking the next steps in baptism and church membership. In the last month, Eric and Anne and their 3 children as well as Brent, have joined the church. Brian, who was saved a couple weeks ago is now being discipled and was baptized on 7 August. **A new young man named Daniel has been introduced to us and has been to a couple of services and activities – pray we will be able to disciple him.**
- Pray for our Church families, their spiritual growth and effectiveness in reaching their unsaved friends and family. Some names of the unsaved: Eileen, Jenny, Geoffrey, Steve, Sam, Brian, Chris, Kylie, Isaac, Mark, Nick and Leoni, Rob and Sue and their 3 boys-Sam, Jaime and Andrew, Robin (David's friend who is a JW)
- Contacts we have made at local businesses. (Chris at the barber shop; Dave and Richard at the auto shop; Ivan at the 2nd hand shop, etc.)
- Opportunities to have articles published in the local paper.
- Stephen – **Beginning his Junior year. Very difficult busy schedule this semester – especially his 5th semester of German.**
- John and Amber now married and living in Greenville. John is working for an electrical company working toward Journeyman status. **Amber is still looking for work. Praise the Lord they have recently been able to purchase a home.**
- Kelly, Dan and Sophia Cuthrell. Dan is still trying to decide what job God would have for his future. God has provided work, but not sure if this is the permanent career God would have for him. **Praise the Lord they have recently been able to purchase a home.**
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar has been struggling, but God still provides!

Thank you for remembering us in prayer! Feel free to send prayer requests for us to take to the Lord on your behalf. **God Bless!**