

# Grateful Greetings!

from the Grove Family to New Zealand

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*Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.... ..grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:12a, 18*



As we look forward to our Saviour's return, we have been striving to grow in our understanding of God's grace in our lives. What a joy to work together with families from different parts of the world to help others see the wonderful grace of God, especially as we near the time the world celebrates "Easter". We have had the privilege of sharing the Truth about Christ's death, burial and resurrection to over 120 children and their teachers in 3 different schools. Please pray that they will see the importance of the gift God offers through the price Jesus paid.

They say "a picture's worth a thousand words" so.... From top left clockwise around the page you will see: 1) Family fun night, playing mini golf; 2) Couple night out on Valentine's Day; 3) One of our Bibles in Schools classes; 4) Our oldest church member, Audrey (centre) and her twin sister turned 91 on April 1; 5) A typical

group on Sunday morning; 6) Dan and Kelly brought two grandchildren to visit, Sophia and her yet to be seen sibling!; 7) Ladies' Conference ; 8) Youth service, Jacob leads in prayer for offering, Lydia playing offertory.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue serving here. We look forward to seeing how God will grow us in the months to come! May God richly bless you as you serve him in your mission field.

*Serving together with you,*

*Mike and Nancy Grove*

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### **Prayer Requests:**

- Nancy's and Mike's Bibles-in-Schools at the Hampstead, Lagmhor, and **Tinwald** primary schools—6 different classes in 3 schools plus a BLAST club after school on Mondays in the intermediate school. **Tinwald only allows us to come 3 weeks before Easter and Christmas, Lagmhor only 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> school terms. Waukanui stopped allowing Nancy to come.**
- Pray for new attendee for our Blast Club as we start a new year.** We know many of the children from our time at the primary schools. Now as Intermediate students we would like to see them join our club – we have a much more open opportunity to share the Gospel and teach Biblical truths. **Unsaved children currently attending: Arlene, Ragit, Cable. Not sure about Cedric and Elle's salvation. Several others are talking about attending, pray they will remember to get permission from their parents.**
- June 13-21 MTT will be with us. Our goal is to reach out to the teenagers in town. Pray for us to come up with creative but Christ-honoring ways to get the Gospel to this needy age group. Pray we will be able to get them into the primary schools we work in.**
- Kid's Club (Sunday School) at 9:30am on Sundays.
- Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies
- Sandie and Melinda and family. Continuing to disciple the whole family fortnightly. Pray for spiritual growth.
- Johnny – new believer, pray for us to be able to find a time when we can disciple him. Dairy farm work schedules are difficult to work around. **Trying to get his wife here from the Philippines.**
- Jeffrey, and Ian are two Filipinos we are wanting to disciple. Bal is a Nepalese young man we will be trying to disciple.**
- Brent, whom Mike disciplined for over a year, now has his wife, Cherry, here. Pray for them as they grow spiritually. Will begin membership classes with them soon.**
- Sam and Michaela, a young kiwi couple, moving to our area with a desire to grow spiritually. Seeking jobs and housing arrangements.**
- Discipleship of new believers, new members and long time members.
- Rogerio and Maraysa now have their visa problems worked out. Pray for their continued spiritual growth.
- Door to door outreach and letterboxing effectiveness. Pray for God's Word to soften and convict hearts.
- Pray for our families to grow stronger in the Lord.
- Pray for our young people as they attend the public schools – peer pressure appears to be as bad or worse than in the U.S. – especially regarding immorality and alcohol.
- 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
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop, etc.)
- Stephen – In his second semester, Junior year of College. Doing well but continue to pray for his German class. Looking for work in Kansas City or Greenville for this summer. An internship in his area of study would be great. God has been good to provide work for him so far. Only one more year to go!
- John and Amber now married and living in Greenville. John is working for an electrical company working toward Journeyman status. Amber has found part-time work. Continue to pray as the Lord directs their future.
- 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. **Pray for Kelly as she is expecting #2.**
- Praise the Lord for his blessing in providing our needs – the U.S. dollar is struggling but God has been good to make up the difference through the kindness of our friends and family.

**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!**