

Dear praying friends,

This month's letter comes to you from the midwest. Our hearts are full of excitement as we reenter the deputation trail. We are eager to share with you the things we learned and experienced during our time in New Zealand.

Last month in New Zealand

Our last month in New Zealand was truly bitter sweet. We served vigorously knowing the "time of our departure was at hand." When the Groves returned from their brief furlough, they invited us to continue working in the ministries we had filled during their absence. David continued teaching the Bibles in Schools class for Mike. Amy continued teaching the children's Sunday school class at church.

We were also able to complete several projects they had asked us to do for them. We prepared over 1,200 John and Romans for distribution, and distributed over 200. David finished designing a brochure to be used in the church's next letter boxing project. David was also able to launch, vbcofashburton-nz.org, Victory Baptist's official website. David preached several Sundays in June and

also led some of the Wednesday night Bible studies. Our time together with the Groves and the Victory Baptist Church family in Ashburton, New Zealand was precious! On our last Sunday together, the church family held a soup lunch for us. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Thank you again to all of you who gave and prayed for the Ashburton Vision! God greatly enhanced our ministry through this trip, and he used you to do that.

New Supporting Church

In addition to the things we learned in New Zealand, we are also excited about our newest supporting church, Eastern Hills Baptist, in Council Bluffs, IA. We visited Eastern Hills last summer, and we are grateful they have chosen to help us reach Kiwis for Christ! This brings our support level to 24%! Praise the Lord!

Prayer Requests

As I stated above, our time in New Zealand was tremendous. We have never been more excited or eager to reach Kiwis for Christ as we are now! God has increased our burden to reach these people like never before! This enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed by our adversary, the devil. Since our return to the States we have been confronted with a couple of issues that we hope you will make matters of fervent prayer.

- 1. Identity theft** Our bank account information has been stolen twice in the past several months. The last occurrence resulted in nearly \$300 being stolen. Pray the Lord will protect us from this type of fraud.
- 2. Insurance** Unknowingly, Amy's health insurance was cancelled while we were in New Zealand. She was able to have it reinstated, but now it is at a much higher premium.

Please also pray for us as travel. We have returned to the deputation trail. Our itinerary is the busiest it has ever been. We have thirty-five meetings in eleven different states from July through December. We praise the Lord for every opportunity we have to minister to churches and present the need of the Gospel in New Zealand. Pray God will use us in these meetings, and keep us safe as we travel.

We are grateful to every one of you who support us through your prayers and financial gifts. Thank you for helping us reach Kiwis for Christ.

Reaching Kiwis for Christ,

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Last Sunday at Victory Baptist, Ashburton



David preaching and Amy teaching S.S.



David's last day at Bibles in Schools



Eastern Hills Baptist, Council Bluffs, IA

