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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;”
Song of Solomon 2:11

Hmmmm – almost. Spring is finally showing up in New Zealand with the trees in bloom, but the rain is certainly not over and gone as we are in a stretch of nearly 30 straight days of rain and plenty of flooding in the area! Nonetheless, God has been good and the work carries on.

July saw three more people from our church move on. One couple (Brendan & Bee) moved about two hours south to Invercargill for work while another one of our members (Michael) has been having visa challenges and returned to the Philippines. But we also had five people join the church and one of our Sunday school kids named Mikhael trusted Christ as his Saviour.

Early July saw our son Luke get engaged to Miss Reagan Sontag. We are so happy for Luke and Reagan and will be slipping back to Idaho for the event in mid-October. We also hope to attend our home church's missions conference in New York.

Things have been busy and there are several things we would appreciate prayer about:

The Rest of the News:

1) Jeff's health – late July saw some more surgery. Although surgery is never exciting, Lord willing this round under the knife solved some problems from an earlier surgery last year. A few complications have made recovery drag on and prayers for full healing would be appreciated.

2) Survey Trip – we have a brother from Pennsylvania by the name of Kyle taking his survey trip to New Zealand in mid-September. Your prayers as we take him out and about as he seeks the Lord's will for his future area of ministry would be a blessing.

3) Southland Bible Baptist Church – this new church celebrated their one year anniversary in July and are running about 20-30 people now. Their Kiwi pastor (Bro. Clive Lankshear) was unwell on a recent Sunday which gave Jeff the chance to fill in and preach for the folks there. It was a blessing to catch up with several people who used to attend



Queenstown BBC before this new work got started!

4) Joint Teen Group – we had our first joint teen group in July. We have an 18 year old fellow in our church and thus organized a joint activity with Southland BBC, meeting them about halfway in a little town hall in a village called Balfour. A young man and lady were saved which was a tremendous encouragement!

5) Rest Home Ministry – we have asked you to pray for the staff and residents as they are exposed to the gospel and we are seeing a few hearts begin to soften – in this regard pray specifically for a lady named Beverly who needs to be saved. A new resident named Pat is saved and



from a Baptist church up in Auckland, but is really struggling with this new phase in his life. Would you please pray for this brother to adjust? Could you also please pray specifically for the Hindu and Muslim staff members in the rest home? Not only do they need Christ, but many are in a unique position to hear the gospel for the first time and we are seeing evidence that their presence is continuing to contribute to a surprising number of strange, spiritual warfare issues.

6) South Island Teen Camp – coming up the first full week of October. Prayer for good weather and for the Lord to work in the hearts of our young people would be appreciated.

The days are perilous, the spiritual war is relentless and the need for new labourers has never been greater. One of our South Island churches lost their American missionary/pastor in August due to moral issues and there simply is no one available to step in and take over. Today I disciplined a young man who is a believer, but who only occasionally attends our church. His marriage has mostly imploded, he is overwhelmed by the burdens of this life and only now is seeking out of desperation a better walk with Christ. This is becoming more and more the norm rather than the exception.

You have no idea how much your prayer support means in the lives of our people and to our ministry here in New Zealand. We are sincerely grateful for your part in keeping us before the Lord as we serve and attempt to reach Kiwis with the gospel. THANK YOU!

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”

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