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Dear Brethren,

### Greetings!

We greet you in the Lord. “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:2). The greatest thing I know is to become and remain a Christian.

The past month has been packed with much that has kept us busy moving forward in the New Zealand plans. Please keep praying for us. The Lord has been doing some amazing things, so I am left to assume that His people have been approaching His throne on our behalf. *Thank you.*

### Work Visas

We mailed our work visa applications to the New Zealand embassy on 19 March. I have been told by immigration officers to expect it to take four to six weeks to process the applications. I was able to track the package, and they received the applications on 21 March. A week and a half later, FedEx delivered a small package to us. I could tell before opening it that inside were our passports. “That is smart,” I thought. “They documented our passports first, that way they could send them back to us for safekeeping while they worked on the applications.”



I opened the package to inspect the passports, and secured inside both of them was a New Zealand work visa! I am now permitted by the New Zealand

government to work as an evangelist, and Kristen is permitted to work as any citizen could in their great land! Allowing for the time that it took for the embassy to ship the passports back to us, they processed our applications in only one week! God surely does answer prayers.

Our visas officially expire on 20 July 2014. We have good reasons to expect that we will be able to extend that date later on. We have committed to this work for five years. If the Lord wills, we will be there for at least that long.

### Fundraising Progress

I am continuing to make 30 to 50 phone calls a week and almost daily trips to the post office in order to raise funds for this work. We have put in the hands of Christians, families, and churches well over 300 of our information packets (if you have not received one and would like one, please let us know). I now better understand Kevin Moore’s saying: “If you survive *fundraising* for mission work, you will probably survive mission work.” It has been tiring to focus so much on physical needs for a spiritual journey. However, we know that money, when used for God’s purposes, is a spiritual task. By fundraising, we are giving God’s people an opportunity to extend their Great Commission efforts.

Securing monthly support has proven to be the difficult task. We understand that five years is a long time to commit to support a work. Because of that, most churches and families have given liberally in the form of one time support. We have now officially raised more than 150% of what we need in start up costs. Surely, that is good news. Glory goes to God for working through His people.

We have plenty of funds with which to arrive in and get settled into Porirua; however, we only have some of what we need in order to *stay* there.

We have raised 51% of what our budget calls for monthly. Keep praying for us in this regard.

We fully believe the Lord's promises: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Mt. 6:33). "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

Our visas have been granted. They have expiration dates. So, for us to stay behind while waiting on funds to come in is to sit idly and to forget the promises of God. We know that we are in the Lord's hands. Because of that knowledge, we purchased *one-way* plane tickets to New Zealand last week. We are scheduled to depart on 20 June for our new homeland.

### **Finger, TN, Ministry**

The Finger church hosted our spring gospel meeting from 11-14 March with David South. As was expected, brother David did a great job preaching the truth. Mickey Burkhead responded to the invitation to be baptized into Christ on the second night of the meeting. He has continued to grow in the faith and has been attending services faithfully. Be praying for him.

The Chester County jail ministry continues to be blessed with success. Since our last newsletter, Cody Springer and Heather Reaves have been baptized into Christ. They are both eager to serve God the best they can. Please pray for them. We have also begun studies with four new inmates that seem very sincere. Be praying for soft and receptive hearts. If we plant and water, God will certainly provide the increase (1 Cor. 3:6)!

### **Family News**

This past Lord's Day I was blessed to preach God's word three times in three different counties; however, not one of those counties was McNairy (where Finger is located). We have been traveling a lot lately- for presenting the New Zealand work to brethren, to visit area-wide gospel meetings, for me to preach the gospel, and for us to visit our families.

Our departure from the USA is surely going to be bittersweet. Certainly we are going to miss our physical families. We thank God for technology that we help bridge the gap of the 8,000 miles between Tennessee and New Zealand.

The Finger church means so much to us, and we owe a lot to them. We will miss the saints in Finger deeply, too. However, as I have said before, if we had never worked in Finger, somebody else would have. Now that we are departing, there are very capable couples in view to take our place; therefore, somebody will be working in Finger after we leave, too. But if we do not go to New Zealand, who would take over the Moores' work?

We have plans in the next two and a half months to do lots of packing, lots of visiting with friends, lots of visiting with families, and spending lots of time with the Chalmette, LA, church. This will involve much traveling. Be praying for safe travels and growing zeal.

Feel free to visit our website. It always has much more information on it than a newsletter can contain. Please never hesitate to contact the Chalmette elders or us if you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding the work in Porirua, New Zealand. We continue to be very thankful for such capable shepherds to help us through the Lord's work in Porirua.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*

-Philippians 4:4

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