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Dear Brethren,

Greetings!

We continue to be very thankful for all of the support we have received for this work. We have been reminded over and over of your prayers. Please know that they are appreciated!

Moore Family

For quite a while, Lynne Moore's father, Gene Hibbett, former Freed-Hardeman University professor, has been quite ill. For the past several weeks, he has been in intensive care in the hospital, suffering from meningitis. Because of his condition, all three of the Moore girls (Lynne, Loren, and Kaitlyn) have traveled back to Tennessee to spend time with Lynne's family. Gene has shown some improvement in the past week. I wanted to mention brother Gene right away in the newsletter so that you can begin praying for Gene and his family right away.

New Christians Class

There are several new Christians in the Wellington/Porirua area (praise God for that fact!). A few of us from the Wellington and Porirua churches saw a new ministry opportunity for these babes in Christ. With the help of a few families, we developed a new Christians class, which emphasizes the fundamentals of the faith and remaining faithful until death. Meeting in a different home every Thursday evening, we have had three classes so far, and they have all been very encouraging. Although I have been the teacher for all of the classes up to this point, Carl Cumings and Chris Van Der Ventel have also agreed to teach the class in the future.

New Couples Class

Along with a number of new Christians, there are also several relatively newly married couples in www.themoshersinnewzealand.yolasite.com

the Wellington and Porirua churches. We and the Cumings have spent some time in the past month coordinating a new couples (married for five years or less) class that will meet every last Monday of the month, starting this month. These couples are facing pressures from society from all sides. Studying God's word, building relationships, and working through problems together are going to be ways we can combat Satan's attacks, and grow closer to God and one another.

We have seen new ministry opportunities around every corner since we have been here, most of which we did not anticipate while preparing for this work. Glory be to God for the way He uses and teaches His children (on *His* terms)!

Youth

Kristen and I continue to be quite active with the Wellington youth. We are focusing on developing good relationships with all of them. I am still teaching the Sunday morning teenage class at Wellington. We have also attended all of the youth group activities so far since we have been in New Zealand, and we have plans to even host one in the near future. We did not foresee being this active with the Wellington youth group, but apparently God is able to use us in ways we do not anticipate. We are blessed to have God's wisdom leading our lives!

Local Work

We announced last month about our "Neighbourhood Gathering," which was our attempt to meet, get to know, and develop relationships with our new neighbours. We held it on 7 August, and it was quite a success! We invited twelve households, and five of them were represented on the night of the event, which was much more than we expected. It was a very warm and informal atmosphere. With

this event, we were able to get these neighbours in one place and let them know we are here if they ever need anything. It also served as an opportunity to expose them to Christ through example.

Directly after the event, we invited our neighbours to our next gathering: "Getting to Know the Lord." Our intention was to show the film, *The Gospel of John*, 45 minutes at a time once a week for four weeks, with some discussion at the end. We thought that showing a film would be a little more inviting than a "Bible study" to those people we did not know very well (one must consider these tactics and factors in a secular society like New Zealand). Unfortunately, no one showed up to our first or second attempts at this gathering (except for a couple Christians from Wellington who came for support). Kevin Moore is right in saying, "Much of the work in New Zealand is trial and error. What doesn't work here and now might work later somewhere else" (and vice-versa).

I continue to lead weekly Bible studies with our new sister in Christ, Kerisitiano. Her zeal to learn more and more is very encouraging to all who know her. I have also been going on weekly Bible studies that Kevin has been leading with Radhika. Kristen and I also both enjoy attending the weekly Bible studies that Kevin leads with June and Janny.

A couple of weeks ago, when Kevin was out of town, I took over all of the preparation and organization responsibilities for Porirua's worship services. That evening, I began a sermon series on "Portraits of Christ Found in John's Gospel." We had Kent O'Donnell visiting from Palmerston North last Sunday, and he blessed us with a lesson on God's idea of the family. I am scheduled to preach this Sunday, and I plan to continue my series.

Mosher Family News

Kristen and I are doing well. We have enjoyed developing some great relationships with the people around us- both Christians and non-Christians. We ask that you keep praying for us and that the word of God will increase in our lives and that it will spread in Porirua, New Zealand.

Website

A few weeks ago I spent some time giving the Porirua church's website a complete makeover. I encourage you to take a look at it, and provide some feedback: www.poriruachurchofchrist.yolasite.com.



And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

-Ephesians 6:17-20

We love you and thank you for partnering with us in the gospel. Keep serving *Him*.

In Christ's Service,

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