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Dear Brethren,

### **Greetings!**

It has been a blessed month in the Lord's work in the great country of New Zealand. I hope this newsletter finds you well. We give thanks and glory to God for those who pray for and financially support this work. We could not be here without such blessings.

### **New Christians Class**

The new Christians class that I mentioned last month is still going strong. We have covered some great lessons over the past month, such as power in trials and temptation, prayer, and characteristics of a disciple. Good questions are raised, faith is built, and fellowship gets sweeter every time we meet. We continue to meet on Thursday evenings, but we now meet every two weeks instead of weekly, because of people's schedules.

### **New Couples Class**

Likewise, the new married couples class is going well. We met this month for the first time. We had a great time getting to know each other and spending time in group discussion. While we met, we all agreed that meeting once a month was not enough, so we will start meeting every other Monday evening in different homes.

### **Campaign Preparation**

We have begun preparation for a major outreach campaign in the Porirua area in May 2013. Robert Swain, an experienced campaign leader and evangelist out of Arkansas, has agreed to lead or co-lead the campaign. We hope to have about 10-15 university students (mostly from, but not limited to, Freed-Hardeman University) here for about three weeks. Our major thrust will be to get information about the church and the Bible in the hands of every resident in Porirua (almost 60,000 souls!). Beyond that, we will also have opportunities for personal

Bible studies with those searching for truth and edification of the local churches. Please be praying for this effort- especially as we continue to make big decisions and prepare for it. Please contact me if you would like more information on the campaign. There will be several campaigners looking for financial support for this campaign. If you are willing to offer any, please let us know.

### **Local Work**

We continue to hold weekly Bible studies with June, Janny, and Kerisitiano. I have started teaching a series through the books of 1 and 2 Peter with June and Janny. We are progressing through my "Deeper Discipleship" series with Kerisitiano. We are currently going through a detailed study of the Beatitudes.

I connected with a local musician named Justin last week. He lives behind us, and we regularly hear him sing and play his keyboard, since he usually has his house windows open. He is quite good. One morning, I went over to his house and introduced myself as a neighbour and fellow musician. A couple days later, Kristen and I had him over, and he and I had a good "jam session." We had some encouraging spiritual conversation while he was over, and we also made plans to get together again this week. Justin said that in the seven years he has lived in this neighbourhood, we are the first people to introduce ourselves to him. He is currently dealing with an injury, which prevents him from holding a decent job. Pray for Justin's spiritual and physical health.

Kristen and I continue to accompany Kevin on his weekly Bible studies with both Radhika and Katarina. We are really enjoying getting to know these ladies, and we hope they continue to be zealous for God's word and allow it to govern their lives.

Last month, Michelle Stretch, a wayward Christian moved closer to our area from Foxton, New Zealand. Kevin and Michelle have known each other for several years, and she contacted him. Together, they prayed and studied, and she was restored to Christ's fold. Since then, she and her two children have been traveling about 45 minutes each way to worship and study with the Porirua church each Sunday. We rejoice together over her restoration and new dedication.

We have received about 1,000 copies of House to House Heart to Heart with the church's information on it. We plan to distribute them this coming Saturday. We have also ordered copies of the November/December issue, so a similar outreach opportunity will accompany them as they arrive.

I announced the updated church website last month. We have now been adding sermons on the website. If you would like to study with the Porirua church, head over to the website ([poriruachurchofchrist.yolasite.com](http://poriruachurchofchrist.yolasite.com)), click on "Bible Study," and then on "Sermons and Lessons." From there, you can download MP3s and PDFs. With some of them, you can even watch videos. Be on the lookout for new lessons every week or two.

### **Worker(s) Needed**

New Zealand continues to be a wonderful field white unto harvest. As is the case with *all* nations, workers are needed. We are to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers (Mt. 9:38), but not to the neglect of going ourselves or sending others. There are dozens of cities of notable size in New Zealand that haven't seen the Lord's church. There are also cities that have small bodies of Christ meeting in them, but have huge potential for growth. Among those of the latter sort is Invercargill, the southernmost city of New Zealand, with about the same population of Porirua. The church is made up of about half a dozen faithful members. They are looking for workers- especially evangelists. If you or someone you know is looking for such an opportunity, please let us know!

### **Moore Family News**

Kevin still misses his wife and children. Many of you know that Lynne, Loren, and Kaitlyn have been in Tennessee, spending time with Lynne's family as Lynne's father was in seriously bad health for the past month and a half. Gene Hibbitt, passed from this life into paradise late last week. The family is going through an emotional time, to say the least.

Lynne and the girls plan to return to New Zealand next month to be reunited with Kevin and spend their last month in New Zealand together before concluding this chapter of their work in this country. Be praying for all of them.

### **Mosher Family News**

My birthday was in September, so for a quick holiday, Kristen and I headed north to the Hamilton, NZ, area. We stayed two nights away from home enjoying scenery, tourism, and fellowship. We spent some time on the Hobbiton movie set, where Peter Jackson filmed much of his *Lord of the Rings* and upcoming *Hobbit* films. We also met with James and Emily Cammock, members of the Hamilton church, for an evening, night, and morning. That visit was a highlight of the trip, which encouraged us very much. Hopefully the Cammocks enjoyed the fellowship, too.

*The grass withers, the flower fades,  
Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the word of our God stands forever."*  
-Isaiah 40:7-8

We thank you for sharing in the gospel with us. God bless you. Keep serving Him.

In Christ's Service,



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