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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

It is a blessing to bring to you another newsletter, which reports on God's great work in the lower North Island of New Zealand! Thank you for participating in this mission to take the gospel to those who are weary and scattered like sheep without a Shepherd.

Classes and Studies

The various classes and Bible studies in and around Wellington continue to go well. I am pleasantly surprised at how much participation the New Christians Class is showing. These new babes in Christ, most of them being teenagers, are hungry for the word.

The New Married Couples Class also sees a great deal of participation. For the first few classes, Grant Zou came alone. He is newly married, but his wife has been in China with their newborn son, as they have prepared to move to New Zealand. Grant and Kate can now participate in class as a completed couple, since she and baby Joey arrived safely last week. It seems that we have all grown closer together because of this class. It is wonderful to have such an encouraging group of people that we all know we can depend on.

I am still on the roster to teach the weekly Wellington teenage class until the end of December. We are growing closer and closer as a group every class. The students feel comfortable enough to joke around when I'm there, and they also feel confident enough to come to me with pressing issues. For example, last Sunday evening, when I had Matthew Gawe (13 yrs. old) over to our house for some games, he had some questions about baptism. He also told me his sister, Nicole (15 yrs. old), was also interested. I was able to set up a couple studies with them, and we studied about repentance last night. It was a really good study. We plan to study about baptism on Saturday.

We are still holding our Thursday morning studies with June and Janny over 1 Peter, which are going very well. However, our weekly studies with Kerisitiano have been put on hold, due to her having major surgery. Kerisitiano has been on dialysis for almost twenty years. She received a phone call from the hospital late last month, calling her in for a long awaited and much prayed for kidney transplant. The surgery seems to have been successful at this point, for which we are very thankful. She has, however, been battling a chest infection, which has slowed the healing and recovery processes. Be praying for Kerisitiano.

Kristen and I have been attending Kevin's weekly studies with Radhika for a couple months now. Kevin was in New Plymouth, NZ, Holding a gospel meeting this past Friday through Monday, so I took over the study for him with Radhika this week, and it looks like I will now be the permanent teacher of the studies with Radhika, though Kevin will continue to join us. Radhika certainly wants to do all she can for the Lord. We are taking our time through the studies to make sure the information sinks deep into heart and mind, making permanent roots. Radhika plans to attend our assembly this Sunday and on Friends & Family Day on the following Sunday (read further for more info on Friends & Family Day).

Our studies with Katarina have been inconsistent, but still progressive. She always displays an attitude of reverence toward God and His word. We pray that the studies can continue on a more regular basis, and that she not just mention the change in her life that needs to happen (as she has been doing), but also commit and follow through with that change.

Happenings

Though I have not yet personally met her, I am happy to inform the people of God that His family has expanded by one more soul in New Zealand. Cecile Marsh was baptised into Christ last month. Please pray for Cecile and her newness of life. Encouragement can

be sent via snail mail: Hutt Valley church of Christ, P. O. Box 38-801, Wellington, New Zealand.

This coming Saturday, 10 November, we plan to do a short letterboxing thrust. We will be distributing about 1,000 issues of *House to House Heart to Heart*. We had planned to do this outreach last month, but it got rained out. Perhaps we will have better weather this weekend.

We have organised a spring Friends & Family Day for 18 November. We have given out blank business-card sized invitations to all who regularly attend our worship assemblies. They will be able to personalise each invitation before handing it out to neighbours, relatives, and co-workers. We are hoping to have just as many visitors as regulars on that day.

On the subject of visitors, we have had many visitors to our assemblies in the past month, partially thanks to our sister in Christ, Michelle Stretch. She has been bringing friends and family members with her quite regularly.

I continue to develop my friendship with Justin, my neighbourhood co-musician. He was admitted into the hospital last month and diagnosed with diabetes. Though this is upsetting news that will affect him for the rest of his life, Kristen and I have been able to represent Christ in this situation. Justin might attend our upcoming Friends & Family Day.

I have added a lot of material to my evangelistic website, topicalbiblestudies.com, including a complete expository outline study through the book of Titus (topicalbiblestudies.com/expository-titus). I am also adding the studies in 1 Peter as I develop them. Feel free to use them to their full potential.

We received a knock at the door on 10 October from a courier delivery service. They were delivering a care package put together by Ms. Starkey's Faith Academy kindergarten class in Marble Falls, Texas. The class is currently learning about mission work and what it takes to spread the gospel. Through Kristen's aunt, they heard about the work in New Zealand. Each member of the class provided a gift and a hand-drawn picture for us. We are encouraged that someone is teaching these individuals the importance of the gospel at such a young age. We would like to personally thank Ms. Starkey, Hadley, Ryan, Barret, Benny, Collin, Abbye, Sophia, Jaden, Gentry, Leah, Seri, and Kendyl for the goodies and the encouragement.

The 14 May - 4 June 2013 Campaign for Christ preparations are underway. It's not too late for you to join. If you would like some more information about the campaign, contact me, and/or join the Facebook group, "GO New Zealand 2013."

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Moore Family News

There are now some official dates with the Moore family. The exciting one is that Lynne, Loren, and Kaitlyn are due back in New Zealand on 14 November. The not-so-exciting date for us is 14 December, which is the date that the entire Moore family flies out of New Zealand to return to Henderson, TN, so that Kevin can continue his teaching position at Freed-Hardeman University. It's hard to believe that we are now in the last full month that we will have these great co-workers with us. Be praying for them during this major transition. This is one thing in life that I imagine gets *more difficult* the more you do it, and not *easier*.

Mosher Family News

Kristen has been officially approved by the Rock My Baby organisation to work as a local nanny. She has not yet connected with a family, but she hopes to work as a part-time nanny with one or two children. This is just another opportunity to represent Christ and expose individuals to the soul-saving gospel.

Kristen went up to Palmerston North, NZ, from 18-20 October for the annual Ladies Challenge, which was reported to have an excellent turnout. Kristen returned encouraged and worn out, being very happy that she went.

Between Guy Fawkes Day and the upcoming *Hobbit* premiere in Wellington on the 28th of this month, New Zealand's capital city is the happening place these days. For the most part, we are really enjoying the culture, and we know that we are very blessed to be here. We thank you for sharing in the gospel with us. God bless you. Keep serving Him.

In Christ's Service,



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