



THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

TAKING THE SOUL-SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD



NEW PLYMOUTH CAMP

We love you with the love of the Lord.

Grace and peace to you. We are happy to report another great month on God's mission field. We hope things are going well for you and the church in your part of the world. We appreciate your prayers and continued support. You are an encouragement to us.

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Youth Group Trip

During the weekend of the 16th of March, we, with Carl and Adeline Cumings, took the Wellington youth group up north to Taupo. Lake Taupo is the second largest freshwater lake in Oceania. We spent our time in fun activities and devotion. It was a great time of fun, fellowship, and edification. On the way back home on Sunday, we stopped in Taihape to worship with the saints there. Thanks goes to the Cumings for their planning and organisation skills.

Ongoing and New Studies

Suguntha

Suguntha and her family have returned from their trip to Malaysia. She reported a great trip with hardly any persecution

from family for her new found faith. She is still struggling with one, major obstacle in her life, though she did come home from her holiday with a new sense of determination. Pray that she has the strength, confidence, and faith to do what the Lord requires of her.

Nootai Family

I wish every family would have the confidence in the Scriptures as the Nootai family. Yes, they have been fed some false teaching in the past, but they have rejected the false teaching and embraced the truth every time we have shown it to them in their own Bibles. That's the beauty of the word of God. There is still a lot of ground to cover. We have started a study series on the Holy Spirit. We've now gone through three studies, and Hannah and I have

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; (Col. 2:9-11)

already seen a change in their perception of the Spirit. I honestly do not know what the outcome of these studies is going to be, because Hannah and I have seen some very deep and troubling denominational baggage in this family. We can hardly blame them, since they have gained these things from people they trust. We all know how hard it is to accept something contrary to what has always been believed. We're thankful that we have been able to develop a strong relationship with this beautiful family. I pray that they will continue accepting the truth of God's word.

Arapati

Unfortunately, Arapati has been unable to keep any of the personal appointments we have set up with him. He is very busy with work and university. He has now requested that all Bible studies with him be put on hold until he gets a little bit more time on his hands. We're thankful for the studies we were able to share with him in his uncle's home. We pray the seed that has been planted will be watered one day.

Linda

The last time we studied with Linda, she asked me, "How do you come up with the lesson topics? Are you reading my mind, because they're things that I have been struggling with!" She said that with a positive attitude, ready to change as the word directs her. Change is going to be difficult for her, though, since her future father-in-law is the preacher of a denomination. Because of work and family obligations, we haven't studied with Linda for a couple weeks. I

hope to visit with her this week to set up another study with her soon.

Brock

I have studied the Bible with Brock four times now. From my limited perception, Brock is good soil. He has been asking great questions, reviewing the studies with his mother, and he has even shared what he has learned with a schoolmate. He continues to attend the worship assembly with his mother, who is also bringing her second oldest, Ymmij. Lord willing, the next study with Brock will be over baptism. I pray he is ready to dedicate his life to the Lord!

June, Janny, and Ymmij

Hannah has been here for almost two months, and she is learning a lot about local mission work. She came here to gain practical experience. A couple weeks ago, I stepped out of the Thursday morning studies with June and Janny, so that Hannah could lead a few. As I hear, she is doing great.

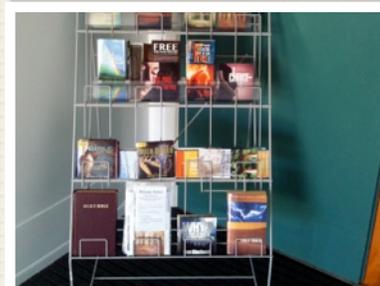
Ymmij (pronounced "Image"), June's twelve-year-old daughter, was too ill to attend school last Thursday, which allowed her to sit in on the Bible study that Hannah led. Apparently, this ignited something in Ymmij. When Hannah and Kristen left, she asked her mother for more opportunities to study the Bible. To make a long story short, Ymmij will now be coming over to our house weekly with Brock, her big brother, to study with Hannah while I study with Brock. I encourage June to keep teaching her children at home and continue bringing them to worship. June's family is developing faithfully very quickly.



NOOTAI FAMILY STUDY



TAUPO/TAIHAPE YOUTH GROUP TRIP



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having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, (Col. 2:12-13)

New Christians Class

In February, I started giving assignments to the young guys of the New Christians class. The guys have all now given a short lesson from God's word, led in prayer, and led in singing. One of our young men has even led singing in front of the whole congregation recently. The others have also been helping with prayers and the Lord's Supper during the assembly. It's great to see them grow in their faith and leadership! Soon enough, they might be put on the preaching roster!

Tautua'a and Friends

A couple weeks ago, when I was home alone, a mission field came to my door. Two members of the Latter-Day Saints came to my door, Tautua'a and Vagaia, wanting to discuss religion. I quickly invited them in. We didn't spend much time together on the initial visit, but they asked if they could come back, and I agreed, warning them that I would have a lot of questions for them.

The next week, with Hannah joining us, we spent almost two hours in discussion. I was doing all I could to sow seeds of truth into their hearts. I had three major questions for them, which they were not able to answer. Being respectful as possible, I showed them how the Bible would answer the questions, which was contrary to what they believed. I sent them home with information about the New Testament church and eighteen questions for them to look at until we met again.

"Elder" Tautua'a came back the following week with "Elder" Brown. Tautua'a admitted to not having enough knowledge to answer seventeen of my eighteen questions. The one answer he

gave was helpful, and it helped clear up something concerning their doctrine. We discussed two more questions about the blood and church of Christ that they were unable to answer. Tautua'a has admitted to having studied the *Book of Mormon* much more than the Bible. I know that's why he has been unable to answer my questions. I sent them home with sixteen more questions. "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). Am I doing any good in sowing the word into their hearts? I don't know, but I am hoping the word will do its job to "pierce" and "judge," which will lead to true conversion to Jesus Christ.

Between my studies on the Holy Spirit and my research of the Mormon Church and their doctrine, I have a re-affirmed confidence in the pure and simple gospel of Christ.

Bryan the Pest Control Guy

We have had some minor problems with ants in our yard and house during this dry, hot summer. Our good landlords called the local pest control company to come take care of them, which seems to have worked. While working in our yard, Bryan, the pest control guy, and I had a good conversation about the Bible. At the end of his work in our yard, he handed me a business card and said, "Call me on Friday to set up a time I can come for a follow-up visit. Maybe I'll bring my Bible along, too." I called him on Friday, reporting no signs of ants, but telling

him that I want to seriously take him up on bringing his Bible to our house. He said he was serious, too, and that I should call him this week to set up an appointment. Pray for fruit.

New Plymouth Camp

From the 29th of March to the 1st of April, we were in New Plymouth, attending the annual Easter weekend camp. This year, George Jensen from the USA was the keynote speaker. He did a great job, bringing us lessons from Titus 2:11-12. Apart from the lessons, we spent our time in games, food, and fellowship. We got to meet many brethren from all around New Zealand that we had not yet met. We are already looking forward to next year's camp.

Campaign Preparations

In just a little over a month, we're planning on having 15 Americans help the Porirua church with a major outreach effort. We have received 10,000 House to House Heart to Heart issues, and we have ordered 5,000 letterboxing cards, which all promote the free Bible study materials and opportunities that the church currently offers. Through door-knocking and letterboxing, we hope to offer these materials to every household in Porirua.

In my recent door-knocking in the area, I have come across something disturbing. Though the Bible remains the best-selling book of all time, more and more households do not have a copy of God's word. The church has also ordered 100 copies of the New Testament and over 50 copies of the entire Bible to offer to those homes in

having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (Col. 2:14)

the area that do not have ready access to God's word. We pray this campaign is successful in getting the residents of Porirua into meaningful reading and study of God's word. Pray for us and the campaigners as we all prepare for this outreach.

We are also looking forward to the first camp hosted by the Porirua church. It will take place at the end of the campaign. We're calling it, "Queen's Birthday Weekend Camp for Youth and Young Adults in Porirua." We look forward to great lessons by Robert Swain, Antony

Raine, Glen Gawe, and Keith Copeland.

Updates and Happenings

Internet Ministry

More and more people are contacting either me through my personal website or the church through the church website. We have been successful in the past month in helping about a dozen people with Bible study, putting many of them in contact with their local evangelists.

To God be the glory, and may He provide the increase!

Split Bible Classes

We are thankful that the parents of the Porirua church see the importance of getting their children into the word of God as soon as possible. They are bringing their children to worship. Having a big age range, we have turned the one children's Bible class into two classes, allowing the older children to engage in deeper studies, while the younger ones being their basic knowledge of Scripture. Thanks to Kristen, Hannah, and Adeline, who are doing a great job teaching the little ones.

Personal Evangelism Class

The adult Bible class in Porirua is still studying personal evangelism. We're already seeing some great results. Yesterday, I gave out a homework assignment, which will have each student have a friend, family member, co-worker, or next door neighbour into a Christian home to watch the first lesson of the *Searching for Truth* DVD. One family has already told me who they plan to invite.

John and Erin Jones

As you know, our future coworkers are planning to join us in August. They are finishing up their visa applications, and they will be sending them into the New Zealand embassy very soon. Pray that God grants them work visas, so that they can spend many fruitful years spreading the gospel in New Zealand.

Conclusion

It's hard to believe we have been in New Zealand for almost a year! Because of the relationships we have developed, it feels like we have been here for longer. Yet, it feels like we were moving out of the house in Finger, Tennessee, just last month.

In the nine plus months we have been here, I have been involved in over 100 personal Bible studies. We are thankful to God for the opportunities He has given us to represent Christ on the mission field. Keep praying for us. We love you all.

Keep serving Him,



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