



THE MOSHERS IN NEW ZEALAND

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



CARDS FROM ENCOURAGING CAMPERS

Greet each other with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16).

It's a blessing to report on another month in the Lord's harvest fields. Thank you for partnering with us in the spread of the gospel. We couldn't do it without your support and the Lord's answered prayers that many of you lift up on our behalf.

New Sisters

Petrina

Without delay, I want to mention the two new souls that were added to the Lord this past month. First, on the 19th of July, Petrina Lauaki put Christ on in baptism. She contacted us after receiving some literature in her letterbox from the campaigners. She was originally just trying to learn more about the Bible to prepare herself for going to Bible college in a few years. She learned much more than she expected, and as soon as she read it from her own Bible, she was ready to obey the gospel by dying to sin, being buried in baptism, and being raised to walk a new life (Rom. 6:1-7). She has been developing relationships with other members of the church and attending worship assemblies faithfully

since. We also are still studying on a weekly basis to ground her faith. Be praying for her newness of life.

Jen

I am writing this newsletter on Wednesday, the 7th of August, and I am happy to announce that just a few hours ago, Jen Tester also put Christ on in baptism. June, a local Christian, saw the need for the gospel in Jen's life a couple months ago and asked if I would be willing to study with her. Since then, June and I have been studying with her every week, except during the school holidays. Last week, we studied about counting the cost, repentance, and faithfulness until death. Today, Jen confessed Christ as the Son of God, promised she would remain faithful until He comes, and she put Him on in

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O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth, Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!
Psalm 8:1.

baptism (Gal. 3:27). She has also been coming to worship with June for the past few weeks, and does not plan to stop now! Her newness of life and some recent struggles in her personal life have reminded her how much she needs her Christian family and a connection with God in worship on a regular basis. Of course, we will continue to study with Jen, to further develop her faith. Be praying for her.

Our new sisters in Christ can be encouraged at:

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If you cannot send a physical card, but you still want to encourage them, send your messages to me in an email, and I will print them off for them.

Ongoing Studies

Frank and Maria

Frank and Maria continue to enjoy our prayer, study, and visit time. Each study is averaging about 3 hours with them, and we rarely complete a whole study. They love to share thoughts and stories and especially their questions. They always love when the Bible answers their questions. Progress with them is slow, but it is absolutely sure. We are enjoying the relationship we are forming with them.

Manjit

For three weeks in a row, Manjit had to cancel our studies because of schedule conflicts and travel. Finally, Manjit admitted that we will have to put our studies on hold indefinitely. She assured me that she enjoys everything she has learned. I also reminded her that there is nothing more important than developing a relationship with God, and she agrees. We will continue to encourage her, so

when she has more time to dedicate to studying, we'll be close by.

Danny and Kai

Every time we leave Danny and Kai's house after studying, we are kicking our heels in delight. This beautiful couple is so encouraging. We're blessed to call them our brother and sister. They are still struggling with a few things, but we see progress in them every time we are near them. Danny attends worship now every Sunday afternoon that he is off work.

Kevin

Studies with Kevin, my Jehovah's Witness friend, have been very slow and repetitive. He is most intrigued about the idea of worshipping God "in the manner of the church" (a capella; Col. 3:16). We have also spent some good study in Matthew 24. Though this is positive, I do not expect many more studies in the future.

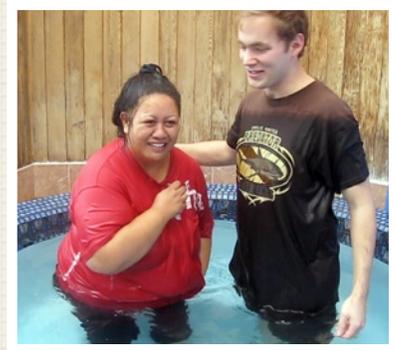
Karena

June has been bringing Karena, her niece, to worship for the past month. After the second visit, June set up a Bible study with her (for me to conduct). Karena is the third person June has set up Bible studies with in the past few months. Though she thinks she's not ready to conduct them herself, she is still making sure people get the chance to hear the gospel. Many Christians and evangelists from around the world can learn from this pattern. If you cannot conduct the studies yourself, put your friends in contact with someone who can. Better yet, set them up and host the studies in your own home, just as June does. Evangelists, encourage the Christians around you to help you find good soil!

We have studied with Karena once so far, and we have another study set up in a couple of days.



PETRINA LAUAKI'S BAPTISM



JEN TESTER'S BAPTISM



CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP IN FOXTON



CAPE PALLISER

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? Psalm 8:3-4.

Incoming Coworkers

John and Erin

John and Erin Jones are due to arrive in only three weeks to begin their longterm work with the Porirua church! They are living by faith, having already purchased one-way airfare and sent over much of their luggage. However, because of a hiccup in the application process, they still do not have their visas in hand. John informed me that their applications have been received by the powers that be, so they should know something very soon. In the meantime, we are praying fervently. We look forward to having John and Erin with us to help spread the eternal good news. Please pray for their visa applications to be accepted.

Ursula

On the 2nd of September, if the Lord wills, we will be picking up Ursula Frye from the Wellington airport. We know Ursula from our time in Finger,

Yesterday, that dream became a reality when we hosted the first midweek fellowship and Bible class for the church at our house. Those who were able to attend were encouraged, and we all look forward to the regular Tuesday night get-togethers for now on.

Conclusion

On Sunday, the 21st of July, the Porirua church was able to relate to Paul and Silas. While we were praying to God, there was a great earthquake, and the foundations of the hall were shaken (Acts 16:25-26). Though some buildings in Wellington were damaged, no brethren in the area reported any damage or injury. We're reminded that this world is not our home!

As always, we're very thankful for your love and support. Please keep praying! We love you with the love of the Lord!

Keep serving Him,



Tennessee, and Freed-Hardeman University. She is coming over for a couple of weeks to gain some more experience in evangelism. We look forward to her helping hands and encouragement.

Camper Encouragement

We send our thanks to the many campers at FHU's Horizons that sent us all the encouraging cards! Kristen and I really enjoyed reading through each and every one. Thanks to Hannah, my friend and their service project leader, for organising this project. She was sure to tell us that the campers sent the cards out of their own love and free will, not because they were forced to. What a great thing it is to get these young people thinking about and being thankful for mission work!

More Opportunities

Travel

In the past month, I have preached in four different cities: Wellington,

Porirua, Petone, and Foxton. In addition, Kristen and I were also able to worship with the church in Palmerston North. It's been a blessing spending time with Christians all over the North Island. God's family is great!

Church Workers Workshop

On Thursday, the 25th of July, under Stephen and Hannah Higley's direction, the Foxton church hosted a church workers workshop. By attending, we were able to meet with many of the Lord's workers on the North Island to learn new ideas for effectively spreading the old, old story. I think we all came away from it encouraged. Stephen and Hannah plan to host the workshop every two months. Brethren all the way from Auckland plan to attend the next one.

Midweek class

Before Kevin Moore left New Zealand last December, he and I discussed how great it would be to start a midweek meeting for the church in Porirua.

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