



# THE BROWNS IN NEW ZEALAND

## FEBRUARY 2018



Blessings and Busyness is how the new year started.

Patty Bouillon and Janet took our young people to youth camp the first week in January. The week was full of activities, preaching, small group discussions, team competitions, and camp food. The Sunday after camp, our youth were in charge of the Worship service and did a wonderful job. What a blessing!



In the middle of January we had our annual Ministry Meeting with the leadership of the church and planned for the year ahead. It was a great time of fellowship, food, and sharing ideas that will help grow God's Kingdom. It's a blessing to see those who are faithful throughout the year come together and share their desires in furthering the Gospel.



After camp, we began final preparations for our first "Back to School Family Fun Fest" which was the last Saturday in January. Busy, busy, busy. Since 1996, we had held Holiday Programmes (VBS) in January during summer holidays. Each year it seemed more difficult to get children to attend. Our belief is if something isn't working, it's time for change. That's exactly what we did - change from a week long programme to a one day "Fun Fest" for the whole family. We had motorized cars, a bouncy slide/obstacle course, carnival games, food, prizes, a photo booth, face painting, and each family received a welcome bag with our church tract and school supplies. We had a great day and are already planning the event for next year. It was the best church member participation we have ever had! It was a lot of busyness but greater blessings!



Thank you to our churches that were an extra blessing in sending us Christmas Love Offerings. We continue to be amazed at how God supplies our needs and wants through loving hearts like yours.

By **HIS** grace & for **HIS** glory,

*The Browns*

**Dale and Janet**

