



THE BROWNS IN NEW ZEALAND



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As the hymn says, "Count Your Blessings," that is exactly what we have been doing since the first of the year. January in New Zealand is like the summer months in the states. Most everyone is away on holiday! But God continues to work even though attendance may be down.

Janet has been teaching children ever since her days at Arlington Baptist College (now ABU). There are always new teaching techniques she tries to incorporate but occasionally she'll revert back to a story that she's used sometime in the last 40 odd years of teaching. In January as she was teaching about "things that are not in heaven," her children's church class had many, many questions. Thoroughly enjoying their inquisitive minds concerning scripture, the class ended with the statement that we all have a choice when it comes to Jesus. Two of the boys randomly came up and each stated, "I've made my choice." Janet was able to take both of them aside and talk to them about their "choice." Although one of the boys wasn't ready to pray and ask Jesus to be his Saviour, the other boy, Ethan, did pray and accepted Christ into his life. Definitely a blessing to "count."

February is always a busy month. On February 6, Waitangi Day - a national holiday, we were able to set up a booth at a city-wide event in Porirua. Several of our people helped as we played 3 simple carnival games, gave out prizes and lollies (candy), and passed out Gospel tracts and flyers for our upcoming "Back to School Family Fun Fest" on February 20. It was quite a busy day. We set up at 8:30am, started the games at 10:30am and went non-stop til 4pm, and then did clean-up. What a great day! Then on February 20, our fourth annual "Fun Fest" day, we had over 300 people attend. Everything that day was free including motorized cars, a bouncy castle, inflatable axe throwing, carnival games, prizes, sausages on the grill, fizzy drinks (cokes), juice, water, and we even had a dunk chair this year. It was our biggest outreach yet! Blessings upon blessings. One of our most excited workers was a lady and her two children that attended last year, started coming to church, and couldn't wait to be able to help this year. God is good, He's still on throne, and he keeps showering us with blessings. Thank you for your faithfulness to the ministry here in New Zealand.



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

The Browns

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