



THE BROWNS IN NEW ZEALAND



OCTOBER 2020

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of 2020. Even with Covid-19, time has gone by quickly. Each day, each week, each month has been a challenge. But God is good and continues to bless the work here in New Zealand.

We just had a long week-end celebrating Labour Day which is always the fourth Monday in October. Dale and I decided we would plant a container garden this year and we were out buying our veggies plants as most Kiwis do during Labour Day week-end. We'll let you know if our tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce survive our gardening!

Since New Zealand does not celebrate Thanksgiving, several years ago we decided to incorporate a "Thankspiration Sunday" in November. The worship service for that Sunday is focused on giving thanks for God's goodness. This year it will be November 15. A lunch will follow the morning service. Since turkeys are extremely expensive (a 12-14 pound turkey is about \$95NZ or \$65US) and are hard to find before Christmas, a family in the church is supplying a rolled pork roast and then everyone else will bring side dishes.

Also in November, we will be having a new missionary come to present their field. . Everyone is excited about the possibility of supporting a new family going to Southeast Asia. We have two home mission projects that we support along with five foreign missionaries. Our home missionaries are the only ones our people have seen in a long time outside of skype or video chats. We had a Missions Emphasis Month in September and our mission giving has increased this year. It's always a blessing to see our people wanting to send the Gospel to other countries.

New Zealand is still very reluctant to open it's borders. Only citizens, those holding permanent residence, or essential workers are allowed into the country. Patty Bouillon, who thought she was taking a short furlough, left in February and has been unable to re-enter NZ. She has been a tremendous blessing to the ministry and we covet your prayers for her to be able to return.

My dad and Janet's mum are still battling their illnesses. We are thankful for family that is able to help with their care. I (Dale) had an MRI in September because my left leg had not been working properly. Even though the test result was positive, in that it showed that my Multiple Sclerosis had not progressed, my left leg is still not cooperating! We would appreciate your prayers.

Keep praying as we minister together.

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

The Browns

Dale and Janet

PO Box 50503, Porirua 5240, NEW ZEALAND
- dbrownz@yahoo.com - +64 2102581856

