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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

***“Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou?
blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee....”***

Ruth 2:19

We never cease to be amazed at how we can do the same thing 100 times with no visible results and then one day the Lord just steps in and blesses with some last days gleanings! On a recent Sunday our men were out on the street passing out tracts as we do most weeks. But that week several good conversations resulted in three different people professing Christ as Savior! Two young men from Germany and a lady from the Philippines, although follow up was not really possible as they were tourists moving through town. It is always a blessing, however, when the Lord pulls back the curtain and allows to actually see the gospel working in hearts.

We also had a fellow visit church for the first time in late April who had just moved to Queenstown with his girlfriend to start a new job. Brendon was a backslidden believer who wanted to get right with God. He told me that he knew his girlfriend was religious (RCC) but lost and asked me to talk to her. God allowed me to sit down with Bee and go over the gospel for about an hour before she prayed on her own and trusted Christ as Lord and Savior! It was super refreshing to see someone in these last days that you didn't have to wonder if she understood it or not! They have been faithful to our home Bible study every week since and are still trying to work through some job issues to get to church regularly. **Please pray for Brendon and Bee** to grow in the Lord, to get faithful in church and to get married – we have talked about all these things and are trusting God that they will make good choices!

The Rest of the News:

- 1) **Correspondence School** – after four years and three months, the Bible correspondence school rewrite is finally completed. Over April and May the lessons over Hebrews-Jude and the Minor Prophets were finished and loaded online. The final tally is 330 lessons over Genesis-Revelation – a serious upgrade over the previous 107 lessons in the old ***Line Upon Line*** Bible study program. Praise the Lord the hardest part of this job is over! Proofreading is still ongoing, but the online school is 100% up and running and hopefully the book version of ***Line Upon Line PRO*** will be out in a few months. More information to come when all aspects are finished.

We have not seriously pushed the online school because of it not being finished until just now, but we have about 200 online students and several hundred paper version students. Pastor Ben continues to send me responses and feedback – this from a student in prison on the North Island:

May the Lord Jesus bless you in all the work you do for people around the globe. Praise God the Almighty.

Grateful I am for people like you who change lives and save souls. I know I will meet you one day and all who are believing in Jesus who are my family too.

God bless you Pastor Ben and have a great week. TM

- 2) **Blessing a Room?** – in one of the more bizarre ministry opportunities to ever come my way, I was approached by the manager of a motel in town to say a “prayer of blessing” over one of their rooms in which a 26 year old Kiwi girl had just committed suicide. A husband and wife who attend our church work as cleaners at this motel. They have a great testimony at work and their boss (an Irish man named Ian whom I had met once before) reached out to me, asking for help.

Having absolutely zero idea what I was getting myself into or what people were expecting, I showed up to find about ten of the fifteen staff gathered together for the event. We all went up to the room and about half of them were clearly scared to enter. Most of the girls were crying and it became obvious quickly that the level of fear and superstition was off the chart. From later comments, they were obviously thinking that I was going to whip out the holy water and rid the place of evil spirits. Anyway, I whipped out my Bible instead and talked about body, soul and spirit and how there was nothing to fear. I read some scripture, preached the gospel and talked about the hope we have in Christ and why suicide is never a good option. Prayer was made over the place and for all those listening to trust Christ. The general comment afterwards was that it was not what they were expecting, but helpful. **Please pray that John and Diana can follow up on these folks** and that I can specifically get another chance to witness to Ian. I found out afterwards that he had a brother who committed suicide a few years ago. Please pray that Ian will get saved.

- 3) **New Family and Our Filipino Bible Study** – this month we had a new Filipino family start coming to church. Mike and Rem (and their three kids) are saved and come from a Baptist church back in the Philippines. They have also volunteered to host our Friday night Filipino Bible study in their home. **Please pray** for this new outreach starting June 6th.
- 4) **Surgery** – thanks for praying for my surgery that took place on May 1st. So far it appears that the surgeon cleaned up all my scar tissue problems and I am feeling significantly improved!

July 7th, the due date for grandbaby #3 is coming quickly! Grace and Michael are expecting their first child, a little girl in just a couple of weeks. Your prayers for this awesome event would be appreciated! Lord willing we will be back for a few weeks in late July and August to see the baby and to report to a few churches.

Thank you for your faithfulness in making it possible for us to keep getting the gospel out in New Zealand. You are sincerely appreciated!

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