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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

***“Children's children are the crown of old men....”***

***Proverbs 17:6***

The highlight of a very busy three months was the birth of Eliana Joy Phillips! Grace and Michael were blessed with their first child and our third grandchild on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our plan was to make a quick trip back to the USA in July to see our new grandbaby and to preach in a few churches as well as both Debby and I speaking in Pastor's School in Idaho. That plan was sped up in mid-June when we received the news that Debby's only sister had suddenly passed away in her sleep in Texas. Praise the Lord Barbara was a believer, but this news was quite an unexpected shock.

God graciously allowed us to get back in time for the funeral which I was privileged to preach. Ninety people attended the graveside service including many unsaved family members. We saw God's hand work miraculously in a number of ways. In one case, we “just happened” to stop on the way to the funeral at a gas station for a bottle of water and found Debby's niece and “wife” sitting at the same spot in a complete meltdown – they had just blown a tire in a near miss with a truck and would have missed the funeral had we not stopped. In another case, three of Debby's unsaved family members who had been at the funeral were in a nearly fatal car accident six days later. **Please pray** for lasting fruit as the gospel clearly went out that day.



### **The Rest of the News:**

- 1) **Queenstown BBC in our absence** – although I had several South Island preachers lined up to cover the pulpit while we were out of town, leaving earlier than we planned created opportunities for our people to step up and serve. We have been blessed to see many of our people jump in to help and to grow in the Lord as their faith has been stretched to step up and serve. The transient nature of this town is a challenge to church planting, but times like this are profitable teaching moments. **Please pray** for the continued spiritual maturity of the believers here in Queenstown and that the Lord will truly grow this church.
- 2) **Filipino Bible Study** – this outreach we mentioned last month has met several times with some visitors coming along. Bro. Ardson, who is helping to lead the group, ended up with major surgery on his hand in August after a serious workplace accident. This has slowed things up a bit, but **please keep praying** for this outreach.

3) **Southland Bible Baptist Church** –

several months ago we mentioned a family in our church (Rodel & Jacki) that have been traveling over two hours each way to come to church. Along with some other contacts in the area and a retired preacher that lives about 45 minutes from them, a Bible study was started in their home in a town called Edendale. Over the past nine months we have watched this Bible study begin to attract a few visitors and then move to a Sunday morning meeting time. In early July they began meeting as Southland Bible Baptist Church. We are excited to see what the Lord will do as these folks just keep doing what they can for the Lord! **Please pray** for this new little work in the southernmost region of New Zealand.



- 3) **South Island Teen Camp** – coming up Sept. 22-26. **Prayer would be appreciated** as this is such a key time in seeing the Lord work in the lives of our young people.
- 4) **Angela to Zambia** – Angela was one of the young ladies from our ministry in Blenheim who went through much of our Bible institute. She then went through nursing school and has since been preparing for the mission field. **Please pray for Angela Morgan** as the Lord appears to be opening the doors for her to serve in Africa.
- 5) **More Surgery** – in June I had a few moles removed, one of which turned out to be a melanoma. Although the prognosis is fine at this point, more surgery is coming up in September. **Your prayers would be a blessing!**

The last weeks of winter are beginning to fade away into spring and with it will come (Lord willing) many additional outreach opportunities. We continue to appreciate your prayers for wisdom in using our time and resources, energy to serve and for the Holy Spirit to do the work in the hearts of Kiwis that we cannot. We love you all and are eternally grateful for all that you do for our family and for the work down under in NEW ZEALAND!!!

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