



The Browns in New Zealand *January 2025*

We praise the Lord for a New Year!

In August of 1988 we were approved as World Baptist Fellowship missionaries, sold most of our possessions (or gave them away), moved to Michigan from Texas to live with Janet's parents as our home base, and started deputation in January of 1989. At the end of March 1991 our family of four, at that time, moved to New Zealand to share the Gospel.

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways. We appreciate each church and individual who has stayed faithful in both support and prayers in order that we could continue the ministry in Porirua.

We have always kept our hearts open for the Lord's direction and really never thought we would have been in New Zealand for 34 years. We came to plant an Independent Baptist Church and then wait on the Lord to give us a new ministry, whether in New Zealand or someplace else in the world. We still trust the Lord to send someone to train and pastor the church he has allowed us to be a part of. We have no one at this time who has felt called into the ministry.

Eight years ago, the Lord blessed us with a partnership in the ministry with Tim and Joy Guenther and family. They have worked tirelessly beside us, our people love them, and they have a real burden for the people of New Zealand. We could not do the ministry without them as Dale's health has set limitations in some areas of ministry. Dale's diagnosis of MS in 2008 and his major stroke in 2012 has not stopped us from seeing souls saved.

In November of 2023, Dale started having tremors in his right arm. He saw the neurologist in February of 2024 and was scheduled to have an MRI. Dale was able to get his MRI this past week (socialized medicine can be very slow). In August of 2024, he again saw the neurologist and she scheduled another test, besides the MRI. Dale is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, for a TRODAT Scan. She also put him on medication for Parkinsons. She is not 100% sure he has Parkinsons but wanted to be proactive with the medication. The medication has helped a little but there has not been a significant change.

With saddened hearts, we have felt the Lord leading us to retire and return to the states for better medical care. We had to cancel our stateside insurance as the premiums had tripled. We are now at the age of Medicare and almost eligible for Social Security. Later this year we will be leaving New Zealand. We will need to sell our home and contents, sell our car, and all the things that go into a move as we continue to be active in the ministry until we leave. We would appreciate your prayers on our behalf.

We talked with our realtor the other day and he asked if we were excited to "go home." We told him that New Zealand was home but it will be nice to be around our kids and grandkids. Then we preceded to cry!! We know the Lord will continue to use us as we put our trust in Him.

By HIS grace & for HIS glory,
The Browns
Dale and Janet

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