

## The Browns in New Zealand July 2025

## WE HAVE ARRIVED!

On Monday, 30 June (NZ order for dates), we left New Zealand at four in the afternoon, and we arrived in the states on Monday, June 30 (US order), at six in the evening. The International Timeline can be quite confusing. We were just thankful to not have to fly again for a while. It is still somewhat puzzling having to figure out all the time zones in reverse. We are easily confused.

## WE HAVE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!!

We took one day to recuperate from the long trip and started looking for a house and car on Wednesday. Las Vegas is an expensive area to live but we felt this was the direction the Lord was leading us to. Nathan, our middle son, and his family are here and have little to no family support. We want to be able to help in whatever way we can.

On the second day of our house search (we have been working via emails with a Las Vegas realtor for the last six months), we found a house that was exactly what we were looking for and in the area that Nathan and his family want to move to in the next couple of years. We have started the house buying process which is different than in New Zealand. Our realtor has been good working with and explaining the process to us. Prayerfully, by next month we should be moving into our new home.

## WE LEFT NEW ZEALAND WITH SAD BUT GRATEFUL HEARTS!!!

Our church family in New Zealand has been a great blessing to us over the years and especially during the last six months. From helping to clear out our house, to trips to the tip (dump), to buying some of our household items, to claiming last minute giveaways, another farewell, love offerings, and heartfelt goodbyes. We are so thankful to have worked alongside Tim and Joy Guenther and for them continuing the work. They have been a tremendous blessing to us.

On Friday, 13 June, a dear, sweet man in our church passed away from cancer. Ku Reh Nga came to New Zealand in 2006 from a refugee camp in Thailand. He and his family were originally from Myanmar (Burma). They began attending our church soon after their arrival. We were especially close to them as their youngest daughter, Bae Meh, spent a lot of time in the hospital and Janet helped them to learn the Kiwi way of life. Many who attended his funeral were not saved. Even though there were many aspects of their culture included that day, the family wanted to make sure that people remembered that God was first and foremost in Ku Reh's life. Bae Meh, who is now 20, accepted Christ as her Saviour the night before his funeral. God is still good all the time!

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