

The Browns in New Zealand March 2025

Our scripture reading at church this morning was Psalm 150:1-6. Verse six says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." That's exactly what we want to do in this prayer letter.

"Praise ye the Lord," for the last several months of blessings. January was spent getting ready for our Annual Prayer & Fasting with a meal at church to end our fast. Time in prayer was spent specifically praying for, first of all, our booth at the annual celebration of Waitangi Day on February 6. Our booth consisted of two children's games (the adults played as well), lollies (candy), prizes, and inviting people to our annual Family Fun Fest (FFF) through a flyer and church tracts. Secondly, we prayed for our FFF on February 15. Starting weeks before, we began passing out invitations through church families delivering flyers into area letterboxes. What a great day. Over 350 attending this event. Many families stayed for the whole four hours. We were blessed with a beautiful day and we had the most church volunteers we have every had. Carnival games were played, we had a bouncy slide and motorized cars, a dunking chair, sausages on the bbq and fizzy drinks, a number raffle each hour with prizes given out to the kids and gift certificates for the parents, and before they left they were given a bag to fill with prizes, lollies and snacks to take home.

"Praise him for his mighty acts." Out of all the people that attended the FFF, we had one lady and her little boy come to church the next day. Siba and her toddler son, Allie, have come to church for the last five weeks. This morning after the service, Siba came up to Dale and asked what she needed to do to be saved. Tim, Joy, Janet, and myself were able to show her how she could have eternal life and claim March 16 as her new birth date. God is good all the time.

"Praise Him according to his excellent greatness." Our Good Shepherd continues to prepare the way for our retirement. Tomorrow, March 17, our home officially goes on the real estate website. Josh, our realtor, already has someone ready to see our house. We have most of our personal belongings packed and will have a moving company come in April and get our items ready to be shipped. It will take 4-5 months to arrive in the states. Our anxiety level is high, if not more than when we first moved to New Zealand. Please continue to pray for us and that everything will go smoothly. We will continue to keep you updated on our move. P.S. Besides all this happening, our son, Josh, and his family came for two weeks in February. What a blessing to have them here with us.

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

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