



The Browns in New Zealand

May 2025

The Lord has been so good. There has been much happening in the work and in our personal lives over the last several months. We continue to be thankful for God's goodness.

April was busy leading up to our Easter services. We had communion the Wednesday before Easter, a Good Friday service with a hot cross bun fellowship (salted caramel was the favourite this year) and Resurrection Sunday followed by an indoor Easter egg hunt due to rain. Our annual AGM praise meeting was held allowing us to thank the Lord for his provisions. We also were able to baptize Sahiba (Siba), who we mentioned in our March prayer letter, the last Sunday of April.

May started off with an ordination service for a young man in our church. Isaiah, his wife Sarah, and their daughter, Jaelle, have been a blessing in the work here. Isaiah has felt called to the ministry for quite a while, went through our Bible Institute classes, and completed his requirements for ordination. It was a wonderful service. The following week we received an offer on our house and the paperwork was started immediately. The family wanting to purchase our home are waiting on the financial aspect to be finalized. If all goes well, we will have the final paperwork and deposit on June 3. We have scheduled movers for the items we are taking back for June 12 and have purchased tickets to leave New Zealand on June 30. Please continue to pray with us concerning our move to the states and that no further changes will need to be made.

The church honoured us with a Retirement Party on May 17. Tim and Joy Guenther organized everything and our people went above and beyond what we had expected. It was a lovely but tearful day knowing our time in New Zealand is drawing to a close. We have loved serving here for more than half of our lives.

It amazes me how Dale gets up every day and continues to serve the Lord through his physical struggles. They have diagnosed his tremor as Parkinson's and are experimenting with the correct medication to reduce the tremor and his constant fatigue. We are thankful for his neurologist and team of nurses who are working hard to help him as much as possible before we leave. Keep on praying as we couldn't do this without you.

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

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