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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

“But this I say, brethren, the time is short...”

I Corinthians 7:29

October saw Debby and I return from our short stint in America to a church in Queenstown keen to see us back. The last two months have been the best yet in this new church plant. The bonus was to see new attendance records three times as we reached a high of 29 in one service. The real blessing was seeing our people step up in meaningful ways to help lead various parts of the service as well as the setup and takedown – something they have just carried on doing since we returned!

In November we began a children’s Sunday school and four of our ladies agreed to help teach the little ones with Naomi volunteering to head up the whole thing in the new year. **Please keep praying** as Debby and I work at preparing and training our people to serve.

The other big news was our first wedding in Queenstown! Georgia was saved last year on Christmas day. On Nov. 11th I had the privilege of performing the wedding for Marko and Georgia. **Please pray** for this couple as they have been such a blessing in their willingness to work and serve in the church here.



And then there was some less than ideal news of the month. I have been on the NZ health system waiting list for some non, life-threatening surgery for about two years. My date came up in November and the surgery did not go quite to plan. What was supposed to be fairly simple procedure was not and it led to some complications and a second surgery from which I am still attempting to recover. **Your prayers for a full recovery would be a blessing.**

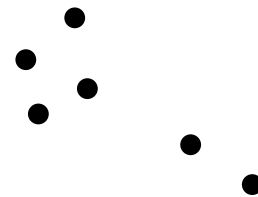
The Rest of the News:

- 1) **NZ elections on Oct. 14th** – we asked you last month to pray for our national elections. The outcome was just about the best result possible for those interested in the freedom to carry on ministering the gospel in New Zealand. **Thank you for praying!**
- 2) **Street evangelism in Queenstown** – it has been a joy to see as many as half a dozen out on the streets most Sunday afternoons passing out tracts in downtown Queenstown. Keep praying as we press forward in this ministry throughout our summer months.
- 3) **New Zealand Correspondence School of the Bible** – yet another student finished our entire course this month. I was able to finish the revised lessons for I & II Corinthians and Colossians, uploading them to our online school. One of the ladies in the church with some computer expertise has stepped up to help in this project which has been a blessing. Please pray for a brother in Christ named Ron. Ron is one of our students in prison. He finished the entire program and then began teaching our lessons in a prison Bible study that eventually ran twenty men. Ron has been a blessing telling us about the men he has led to Christ and how God has worked in his life. He hopes to eventually minister as a prison chaplain or in an addiction recovery ministry. Ron will be released in January and as an American will be immediately deported. **Please pray** as we try to link him up with a church that can minister to him and help him serve in his home in Hawaii.

- 4) **Gospel blitz** – from Dec. 26-Jan. 1.
- 5) **Annual Family Camp** – Jan.2-5 of 2024.



*We recently had a beautiful night of the southern lights. Debby managed to catch this image of a **cross** in the sky from our front porch. In the very center of the pic is the constellation (upside down) of the Southern Cross.*



Debby and I were greatly saddened this month by the homegoing of fellow missionary and sister in Christ, Shiloh Beier. The Beier family has been such a blessing to our family as they have ministered for many years across the ditch in Australia. Our sister ran her race well and beat us all home, but her husband and five children are in need of an extra measure of God's grace. We would be most grateful if you could remember Bro. Kevin and his family in prayer.

We love you all and continue to appreciate your love and fellowship in the Gospel!

Only Because of His Grace,

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