

Miller News

"Knowing God and Making Him Known...in the South Pacific".



Dear Brethren,

As we head into our spring it is always amazing to see the things that appear to be dead, spring

to life. Blooms appear out of nowhere and everything begins to have color and take on new forms. But perhaps the greatest blessing is seeing a life that has been dead in sin come to life. Jay was a young man who walked into our assembly one Sunday morning with his daughter Bella and said his daughter wanted to find a church. Bella is about 9 years old, and God has been moving in her heart. She started going to our children's Bible classes and Jay, being a single parent, wanted to make sure she was settled. We gave Bella a new Bible and a few weeks later as they both



continued to attend, I asked Jay if he would like a new Bible. He said, "he would love to have one." A few weeks later I asked if he would like to have a Bible study with me. So, we began our study together every week. As we moved from Genesis to the Gospels, to Acts. Jay began to see that he needed new life and one day a new home with the Lord. We talked about the new birth Jn 3:1-9 and how the people in Acts responded to this opportunity to have this in life in Acts 2 :37 ff. I left him to think about this step of faith and two days later he texts me to say he wanted to surrender his





life to Christ and be baptized. So, we did it that evening down at our local spot in the ocean with 25 of the brethren gathered around him. Please keep Jay in your prayers as he begins this new journey.

In September we were able to make a short visit to see our daughter, Abby, and the family. It is always wonderful being able to hang out with our grandchildren. We rode along the 17-mile ride on ebikes at Pebble beach and saw the golf course that one hears about often on the sports channel. Spending time with our grandchildren, as we all know is priceless. I have always wanted to take my children to the place where I was baptized in Ventura, California at the Anacapa Church of Christ and tell them my conversion story. The building is now owned



by the Baptist, but I was thankful I could take them there, it was a moving moment for me.

While in Huntington beach I was asked to preach at



the Church at the Park. A small group that meets near a park. They received us and the message well and I was thankful to be able to share the story from Luke.



I have been having Bible studies weekly and enjoy seeing Corben grow. It has been over two years since Corben's baptism. We just finished Romans and we will start 1 John with him. Please keep Corben in your prayers as he has been going through some trails and we are praying for him daily.

Presently our children's Bible class program is going well and can have over 20 children. This is thrilling to see, and we are wanting to make sure the future generation has the word planted into their hearts. We have been preaching through the "One Another passages" which are always a good challenge for the brethren. I will be speaking on "admonishing one another". Often a topic in our WOKE culture that is



avoided but needs to be followed through with love.

In September, we had an outreach quiz night for the Tearfund charity organization. Members brought friends and money was raised to help with people in need.

Last week we had the joy of having some of the students over to eat and play games with us. They are from the Solomon Islands and Thailand, so it makes for some interesting conversations.



Our oldest son Aaron, and his wife Angelique are expecting their first child on New Year's Eve. We are excited to be able to be a part of this and have them in the same country and town since



all of our other grandchildren are in Calif. Our daughter Abby will be coming over to help with the birth as she is a doula. Aaron has just returned after captaining the medical ship the Koha up in the Fiji Islands. They have helped a lot of these people who live in 3rd world conditions with health and dental work.

Once again we want to express our deepest gratitude for the prayers, and financial support we receive every month. Without it we could not fulfill our call to do the Lord's work here in New Zealand. Thank you.

Blessings from Chris and Melinda Miller

