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Miller's Newsletter

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



Dear Brethren,

What a blessing it has been to see God at work bringing people into our lives.



As I mentioned in the July newsletter about Alvin, who had come to our door to sell Solo panels. What went from the sun's energy to The Son's saving, redeeming power. So, our study began. Well, this last week Alvin was baptized into Christ. It was wonderful to see how God brought us

together at his appointed time. I'm amazed (though I shouldn't be) how God seems to bring people across our paths. We see that over and over in scripture, for example Philip meets a treasurer from Ethiopia on a road to Gaza (Acts 8:26ff) or Paul meeting a woman at a river outside of Philippi. (Acts 16:13-15) God is so good at setting up these divine appointments for us to be a part of.



So, as we have studied together for the last three months, he got to see God's word for the first time and it's always exciting

to see how the light bulbs switch on in the human heart.

After the baptism Alvine came and gathered at our house and we sang songs, and I shared some scripture



with Alvin and the group and welcomed him into the church family. Melinda and I like to have some of the SPBC students over. The strange thing is they love being with us and often ask me to share the Word with them. It's

great that we get a chance to mentor them and speak into their lives.

Jay is now one year old in Christ this month and is reading



scripture in the church services and helping out in different ministries. We continue to study together every week.

Melinda and I recently went to Napier

where I preached and met Andre for the first time. Andre had been a gang member and had been in prison for 21 years. But recently became a Christian and it's changed his life. I got a chance to hear his story and see his



contagious passion for Christ. While I was there, I got to meet others he had brought along too. Truly wonderful to see once again how Christ can change a life. Ken and Andre are both Māori which are the indigenous people of our country. Ken, I baptized many years ago into Christ and is one of the leaders there.



Melinda and Cheryl Pratt both help raising money for the breast cancer foundation. Both have come through breast cancer and know what it is like and want to help when possible. Cheryl is also a member of our congregation.

Being an elder with two other brothers carries its own challenges, but I'm thankful that I serve with two other wonderful brothers who help carry the load. When it comes to the end of the year we want to sit down and see where we are going and what perhaps has slipped

between the cracks and to make sure that our fellow ministers are all on the same page.

It's nice when I can get a break and go fishing which seems not that often these days. But recently I enjoy some time with my eldest son fishing. It's nice if we can catch some snappers or two for the dinner table.

Melinda is enjoying getting moments with our grandson who is now 9 months old. As we come to the end of the



year once again, we are so grateful for your support and encouragement over the year and in many cases over the years by many of you.

Many of you asked about my eye and at present I'm seeing the specialist once a week and the pressure has gone from 48 down to 10. So, he wants to date it to see if they need to do further action on it. Even though I'm doing 3 different drops twice a day I'm so thankful that we live in the country where we have good medical help. Praise God as one only must see the state of our world to make me count my blessings.

As always, we count our blessings and are thankful for your encouragement and support of us in our ministry. May God richly bless you in your service of our Lord to.

In His service
Chris And Melinda Miller.