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Miller's Newsletter

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



Dear Brethren,

Here we are embarking into autumn here in New Zealand as our friends in America embark into Spring there. Season change. We seem to always be looking for the next season. Never really content in the season we are already in. We complain about the heat of summer or the cold of winter. Always wanting out of the season we are already in. I find that I'm in a different season of life than I have been before. I can find Melinda and I moving into a different season of life. Change in our seasons of life has been likened to a trapeze act. The trapeze artist lets go of one bar before taking hold of the other bar coming towards him at a swift rate. There is that moment when there is nothing to take hold of. But unless the artist lets go of one bar, they cannot take hold of another. When we experience a change of season it can seem like that. We let go of one place, one relationship, one church family, one ministry, one health situation. And we are not quite sure what lies ahead. It can seem like we are suspended in mid-air without support. But clinging to a season that has gone is often futile because life as we know does not go back but moves forward. There is the old say that says, **"Don't look back, you aren't going that way"** By stubbornly refusing to move on we may be missing what God has for us in the future. When Jacob was heading to Egypt to finally meet Joseph after 22 years of being apart. He being now a 130 year old man got to the most southern city Beersheba and stopped on the border town in **Gen 46:1**.



It was obvious that fears and anxiety filled his heart. Because it was God who said to him in **Gen 46:3 "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt"**. In which God goes on to set three promises before him, and one of those is in **V4 "I will go down with you"**. That promise lies with us in **whatever season or new season we are now embarking on. Heb 13:5 I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you"**. That always gives me great comfort as we take hold of the future.

We enjoyed catching up with Bob and Karen Willsey who were from the Cherokee Hills church of Christ in Oklahoma City. They were on a cruise, and we had a few hours with them, which was refreshing.

At the end of every year, we have the children's prize giving for their efforts in the Bible class program we have at Otumoetai. The children are important to us, and we are always trying to boost our bible class program. We presently have about 25 children who attend classes and that is steadily growing, praise God.



During the summer we try and meet at the park as a church to have further fellowship and allow members to connect. It's always an encouragement to see.

As always, I'm preaching and teaching at Otumoetai and have been holding bible studies with different individuals

to disciple them and develop them. It's always something I have always enjoyed and thankfully I can make a small difference in people's lives.

During the month of January, we as a family went up to Northland to our family's batch (cabin). We had our granddaughter Charis and her friend from California with us. Charis stayed with us for 7 weeks which was wonderful to have one of our grandchildren for that period. We did



some fishing and enjoyed our

time together.



Last month Melinda and I and our daughter Charis went down to Napier, and the AIM students joined us. It was great to catch up with members there and have lunch with people. While there I taught and preached. As always, it's a privilege to be back with the church there which we had worked at for 12 years.



As mentioned earlier we enjoyed having our granddaughter Charis with us. She caught a moment with her nana. Charis has just graduated from Provence College in Pasadena, California.

We enjoy having our grandson Jack come and stay with us. He is a busy boy and often enjoys helping his grandad. One day I was washing the side of our house and he helped me. He is fun to have around.



Just after Christmas Nathan, our son came and stayed with us for 2 weeks. He is presently teaching in California. It's always a blessing to have our children at home even if it is for a short period

We would ask you to keep us in your prayers as we have had number of Korean people visiting us and they are in bible studies now and we are praying that they would respond to the gospel. Their names are Hye-rim, Nuri, and Sally. Also, for Deon and Messi, Paula and Jay as study with them and continue to mentor and disciple them.





Again, thank you for your prayers and generosity towards our work and ministry.

In his service
Chris and Melinda Miller

