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Miller News

“Knowing God and Making Him Known in the South Pacific”

Dear Brethren,



I pray this finds you trusting the Lord in your season of life. As I get older, I must admit transitions or change don't come easy. They can be adjusting to new health issues, to the empty nest, watching children become more independent, loss of loved ones, change in ministry or leadership roles or a move to a different location or home. I'm sure Jacob experienced this as he was about to head down to Egypt. When Jacob got the news that his son Joseph was alive and was the Prime minister of Egypt the Bible says that he was **“stunned”** or as the AMP version says, **“his heart almost**

stopped beating” Gen 45: 26. It had been almost 22 years since he had seen him supposing he was dead. But when the Egyptian wagons arrived to carry him and the family down to Egypt it **“revived”** him **Gen 45:27.** So, he packs up and head towards Egypt only to stop at the border town of Beersheba, a remote town to the south. **Gen 46:1** it appears that suddenly this transition and his fears gripped this 130-year-old man. Fears took over and he parks. The word fear in **Gen 46:3** indicates **apprehension and anxiety, because of the unknown.** Jacob experiences what we all experience with changes and transitions. But I'm thankful that God steps in and reassures him with three great promises in **Gen 46:3-4** One: I will make you a great nation. Two: I will go with you **V4** and three: I will bring you up again. **Even though Jacob does not know what the future holds, he finds comfort in knowing the one who holds the future, and that is God.** Does not God promise us this too? When I move into the unknown, into these transitions, into these dark spaces of change, I must constantly remind myself of **Heb. 13:5 I will never desert you, nor will I forsake you. We can confidently say “the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, what will man do to me?”** Jacob is teaching us all to trust God's presence in the transitions and changes of life.



Melinda and I got to go and see our eldest granddaughter Charis graduate with Honours from Providence Christian College in Pasadena, California this last month. (photos at the end) She has been blessed with a teaching job starting this fall not far from home. It sounds like the ideal job for her first year of teaching. We also got to do a road trip with our daughter and family to Yosemite Mountains it was amazing to see God's creation there. It was also a time of great conversation, fellowship in the scriptures, games and being together which is never easy living in different countries. We only wish the rest of the family could have been with us too.

In early May, we had the teenagers over to our house to play table tennis and have a devotional time. Melinda had all the stuff to make banana splits, and they loved making their own.



In April I went to visit 4 churches in the South Island. I always want to be available to encourage and strengthen these brothers who work with churches in the corners of our world. While down there it is was encouraging to see Kevin and Jose be baptized only two weeks before I met them with the Matura Church.

They are originally from Rarotonga islands but have moved to New Zealand to raise their family and ended up both becoming Christians. Grant Stanton who is the church worker with the Christchurch Church travelled with me.



At the motel we stayed at I met the manager of the motel and invited her to the home group Grant, and I were about to attend. She had more guest arriving and couldn't go but I challenged her on her need for the Lord. Please pray for Venessa, that she will contact Zac and Leah Chrisman and would obey the gospel.

A few months ago, Melinda put on a lovely baby shower at our house for Rosie Atchley. It's lovely when time can be shared together. She and her husband work with the Bible College here and are from Australia. They have no family in NZ. Melinda makes a special effort to be "Nana" for them and other families in the church that are from other countries with no grandparents nearby.



My Bible studies are all going well. Meeting with two of my Christian brothers every Wednesday to lead them through 1 and 2 Samuel is always refreshing. Jay (right) who I baptized a couple a years ago has grown tremendously and has been sober for over a year. God is truly working in him as he did his first sermon two weeks ago.

Please keep praying for Melinda and I to be used by God and be is ambassadors in every situation.

Please pray for employment for our youngest son Nathan to secure a teaching contract for this coming school year. He still lives in Calif. not far from his sister Albby. Also, for our son Aaron who is the captain of a medical aid ship the Kohu and is presently preparing the ship with his team of Volunteers to take the ship up into the remote Fiji island to take volunteer dentists, optometrists and doctors to do medical, dentistry, and optometry work for people who have no way of obtaining it otherwise. He must raise his own support to do this. Please pray for them and if you feel moved to help Aaron and Angelique with this, then contact me millbo5@xtra.co.nz or Aaron at aamillersmail@gmail.com

Again, we so appreciate your prayers and support that makes our work possible. Thank you.

In His service

Chris and Melinda Miller.

PS-Some Family photos



