

Miller News

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



Dear Brethren,

Greetings. Well, how times flies by. It has been a busy time for Melinda and me. We have been traveling a lot in the last few months which I will share briefly in this newsletter. One thing that stood out to me as we once again visited brethren, and family, is the warmth of a hearty greeting. I



can see why Paul the apostle often talked about greeting one another. As he did at the end of his letter to the Romans. In fact, in Roman 16:1-16 Paul says "Greet" 16 times. It's a beautiful word as it means "to draw to oneself." It carries the idea of embracing as two mutual friends would after being apart for a long time. There is goodwill, love, and a smile in the

word. We have seen this in the last few months.

Earlier in the year when the borders opened, Melinda and I decided we needed to visit the family in California.



Abby our daughter knowing we were coming all the way from New Zealand, arranged our surprise meeting up with our grandchildren each individually on our arrival. Let's just say it was very emotional as they greeted us with open arms and with tears in their eyes. We got to see our eldest granddaughter graduate from high school. Because she is the senior



class president we heard her wonderful speech to the



students, parents, and teachers. We also got to go to Pasadena to see the campus, she will be attending this year at Providence Christian College. This is a big step for her and we know God will provide her with the support and friends she needs in her first time away from home. Some parents of some of my grandchildren's friends



ask if I would lead a Bible study with the teens one night. That was a joy to have all my three grandchildren there as I taught. I continued to study with Indy and before I left, she was baptized into Christ. For any grandparent that is always a thrill to see the third generation put on Christ.

The last few weeks after returning to New Zealand I have been traveling through our South Island visiting brethren preaching and teaching. I visited the Nelson Church and was greeted with love and warm hospitality.



Visited Paul and Mina in Blenheim. Paul and Mina mentored under Melinda and I while they went through the SPBC. Paul and Mina have been trying to reach some of the South Pacific Island people in the region as it is a huge wine growing region and has a lot of Polynesian workers living there. When I preached at the Nelson church, I took Paul and introduced him to them. I hope perhaps once a month he could travel over the mountains 2 hours and preach for them every so often.



I travelled on and collected Grant Stanton from Christchurch as I wanted him to come with me to visit the brethren in the far south part of the Island. We stayed with the Taylor family and were once again greeted with a rich southern Kiwi greeting. I preached there and caught up with brethren from there also. Again, it is always encouraging to see people remain faithful

and continue with the Lord's business. I wanted to give Chrissy and Grant something for their rich greeting and warm hospitality. Chrissy got the flowers while grant got Reese's.

We continue to be thankful to see Corban growing as he is teaching the book of James on our Friday study. I arranged for him to also teach at the Thursday Bible study on the "Tongue" which they all enjoyed. It has been a year since he obeyed the gospel.

Melinda and I have been down to see the medical ship that Aaron will be helping captain and Angelique supervising the medical side. They left this week to go to the remote islands of Fiji to provide dentist work and medical help. This is a step of faith for them as it is all voluntary and they have had to raise funds to meet



their needs for the 3 months they are away. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are also trying to get ready to go back for our U.S support trip now that we can travel again. Sometimes it felt like what Paul says when he wrote in **1 Thessalonians 2:18** "We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan



prevented us.” I can amen that.

We look forward to seeing you in person Lord willing as we come in the month of Sept and early October. Please keep us in your prayers as we make plans to visit for our health and wellbeing.

Again, thank you for your love, support, encouragement, and prayers.

Blessings

Chris and Melinda Miller