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



Reflections on our recent trip to the USA

Dear brethren,

It was wonderful to be able to visit our supporting churches and supporting friends on our recent trip. We have been home about 6 days and trying to get back into rhythm again. While in the U.S. we received warm welcomes and caught up in some cases, with brethren we have known for 44 years, truly amazing and encouraging. This recent trip to the



States was another sobering reminder that we all face and are facing different challenges, trials and temptations. As **James 1:2-3** reminds us, **"Consider it all joy my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."** This text is a reminder that they will come. But we are also reminded that God wants us to be there to encourage and

support each other, particularly during difficult times. **Gal 6:2** **"to carry one another's burdens"** and **"encourage one another and build up one another"** **Thess 5:11**. As **Isaiah 35:3-4** says, **"encourage the exhausted and strengthen the feeble."** How, we all at times feel

exhausted and feeble. As we travelled around the four States, we felt this encouragement and the strengthening by many for which we are truly thankful.



While in the US we caught up with our family in California which is always great. Our daughter and her family live in Huntington beach so we stopped off

and saw them on the way in and out of the US. We were also blessed to be able to catch up with many along the way.

Sadly, we could not spend time in all locations. So, if we did not see you, we do apologize. It was great to catch up with friends in Oklahoma. Okla City was the city where God led us to just after we got married and worked there. It was Cherokee Hills Church of Christ



that supported us back 44 years ago to go back to New Zealand. It was truly a blessing to spend time with those we could. The Daces and

Dodgens had been with us when we first visited Cherokee Hills as a young married couple, and we have seen their children grow up and our children would often play with theirs in those early years. It was lovely to spend time with them and catch up with a few of the



North Macarthur Church brothers.



It was also encouraging to be able to connect with the Pierson's who live in Bella Vista, Arkansas. They labored with us for 11 years in Napier along with the Raine's those many years ago.



When in Lubbock we caught up with Chad and Jamie Wheeler who have a wonderful ministry helping the homeless and those who come from very broken backgrounds. They run Open house and Open-door foundation. They always encourage us. Jamie came to New Zealand as an AIM student and worked under me for

18 months and to see what they have gone onto do is inspiring.



While in Lubbock we also managed to spend a some time with Jim and Marla howell. Jim is Melinda's brother. Thankful for small moments when we can connect with them while living in New Zealand.

Since we have been back we decided that we wanted to get a few of the teenage boys over

to play Table Tennis while our grandson Ethan is over visiting with us from California.

It was wonderful to see Hailey get baptized into Christ while we were away in the US. Even though it was a stormy day she still wanted to be baptized and



was thankful she did. Hailey is one of the AIM workers who is presently working in New Zealand with us.



Again, thank you for the warm greeting we had with all 10 churches we reported to. We cannot express our appreciation and thanks enough. Also, for the individuals who opened their homes to us and showed us true hospitality. Thank you.

In His service

Chris and Melinda Miller

