



The Howell Family Your Missionaries to New Zealand

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DEAR PRAYER WARRIORS AND FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS,

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Nations' response to Covid-19 will undoubtedly cause 2020 to be a year that goes down in infamy. Praise God, though, regardless of how unsettled our sin fallen world becomes, souls are still hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many opportunities have presented themselves these past months to witness to and to encourage men who are seeking hope in the midst of this worldwide pandemic. I Peter 3:15 has been proven real in our lives throughout this ordeal, with people approaching me, calling our house and even asking our daughter at her work place, "What does *born again* mean?" Times may be hard, but there is rejoicing in Heaven as God's people here in Whakatane remain faithful in testimony and word to His glorious Gospel message!



GOSPEL TRACTS: Covid-19 has cancelled most of our public events that we go to and for soulwinning. A big event of the year is our Christmas Parade, we are praying it will not be cancelled. Thankfully we just started receiving packages since our initial Covid-19 lockdown, and 3 boxes of our Christmas tracts arrived. If our parade is cancelled, we will hand deliver a Christmas tract to every door in our town during December.



CHRISTMAS SHIPPING: Each year I remind that Christmas packages should be shipped out of the United States by the beginning of November to make it through our summer holiday schedules. On a normal year, New Zealand shuts down most businesses including postage around Christmas and New Year's. With Covid-19, our packages are arriving 2+ months late, so any Christmas packages or cards should be sent as soon as possible. We appreciate all the hand written cards sent to us throughout the year, and Christmas cards are an extra special addition to our holiday decorations. Emailed cards are just a great and encouraging, but we do not print and hang 8½ x 11 pages round the house. Please know, every expense you put into sending us the simplest of cards in the mail is a great encouragement to us as we are away from our homeland.



COVID-19 ECONOMY: New Zealand has had 25 Covid-19 deaths overall, mostly in retirement homes, and we have only a handful of current cases. Regardless, New Zealand continues implementing strict rules for Covid-19. As a result, hundreds of jobs continue to be lost daily, taxes are going up and everyday cost of living is rapidly increasing. This turn in our economy is affecting our monthly budget, but worse yet, our 2022 furlough costs may be close to quadruple our budgeted amount. As airline tickets are increasing, they have now implemented mandatory 2 week quarantines at a cost to us of \$3,000. We pray New Zealand's elections will put a Party into power that will work logically and sensibly in protecting New Zealand and getting Kiwis back to work.

PROJECT: 24 blue Hymn Books, plus 2 spiral bound from Bro. Byron Foxx at www.bibletruthmusic.com. If you are able to help with this project, contact me and ship to our FIELD ADDRESS listed below.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Teen Camp (Oct)
- Men's Retreat (Oct)
- Lady's Retreat (Dec)
- Family Camp (Jan)
- 7th Annual Soulwinning Revival (Feb)

THANK YOU for your faithful support, prayers, and sacrifices for us
GOD IS GOOD ... ALL THE TIME, Lewis Howell (Kimberly and Elizabeth)

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