



The Guenther's *Missionaries in* New Zealand



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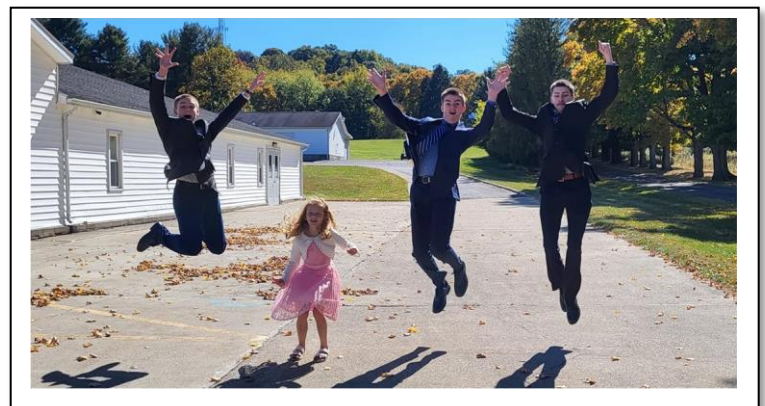
Over the past few months, we our eldest son Isaac (17) was experiencing pain and losing a significant amount of weight. We took him to the doctor, and they scheduled us with a specialist. They began conducting tests and determined that he has **Crohn's disease**. He has begun treatment for managing it and has begun feeling better. Please continue to pray for Isaac as he learns to deal with this. We are thankful that the doctors were able to identify what it was and get the right medications to get him back on track.

Three things have happened this year that have converged around the same time. Firstly, Isaac's Crohn disease diagnosis, which involves **medical bills**. We have medical insurance, but little will be paid until the deductible is reached (of which it almost is). We are required to pay in full up front before any test or procedure. If we went the public option, it would be cheaper, but we would likely have to wait a year before any MRI would be available for him and any diagnosis wouldn't have happened until then. Secondly, **our car quit running** just before Christmas. Our mechanic was finally able to look at it and get it running again, but the reason for it stopping **hasn't yet been determined**. We got the car back in early May, and so far it is running good though the initial problem is still unknown. We are waiting for the bill from the mechanic after having it for four months. We do not know what the cost will be. Thirdly, it is tax time in NZ, and every year NZ charges us more than the previous. **Taxes are due** and they are high. The fact that all three are happening at the same time certainly puts us in a bind. Some churches and individuals have sent us some money to help with the medical bills. Another church has sent some money to help with our car situation. And **in all things, we look to the Lord** for grace and strength. God has always taken care of us, and I don't see that changing.

The ministry continues on. Our youth group at church has been meeting regularly with a young couple from our church leading them. It is a blessing to have some **faithful members willing to step up** and help out. In the main Sunday School class, we have started a series on the end times. It has been a blessing so far going through this study and every day feels more and more relevant. **Pastor Dale Brown and I are tag teaming** teaching through this study. In July we are having our first men's ministry fellowship. This was born out of our bi-monthly prayer breakfasts. We are planning on holding this on Saturday July 20th in the evening. During the regular preaching times, I am going through the book of Psalms chapter by chapter. Taking breaks here and there as the Lord leads to other topics along the way.

Prayer Requests:

- *Isaac's Crohn's disease*. That he will learn how to manage it.
- *Our car situation*. That it will be fixed, or that we can get another vehicle, and that we will be able to pay the mechanic.
- *Isaac's medical bills*
- *NZ taxes*
- *Permanent Residence Visas* – In July, we will be eligible to apply for Permanent Residence.



"Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands." Isaiah 42:12

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