

# The Browns in New Zealand

June 2022



We think we've always started out our June prayer letters this way: "It's winter and we're freezing!" The rain has been relentless, the temperature has dropped in the evenings to 3°C, we've had gale force winds for a week along with thunder and lightening. We just ordered "oodies" (blanket like jackets) to wrap ourselves up in the evenings. We are ready for spring!!!

We have noticed several postings online concerning petrol prices in the states. Our petrol is \$3.16NZ/litre. There are 3.785 litres to a gallon. If you do the math, we are paying \$11.96NZ/gallon. At the current exchange rate that comes to \$7.90US/gallon. Even though the stock market has plunged, the US dollar seems to be strong which definitely helps us in exchanging our U.S. support into N.Z. dollars.

Not only is petrol high but groceries have been increasing here as well as around the world. Our meat is sold by the kilogram (2.2 pounds/kilo). Chicken is around \$12.99/kilo and mince (hamburger meat) is \$18.99/kilo. We definitely eat a lot more chicken. A dozen eggs are between \$5.99-\$9.99NZ and capsicum (green, red, yellow peppers) are \$4NZ each. Butter and cheese are quit expensive as well. Our diet changes with the price of groceries. Thank you for your faithfulness to us. We really couldn't be here without you.

A family in our church brought their niece and nephew from Samoa to live in New Zealand. It was a long and expensive process. They were wanting to give better school and work opportunities to some of their family. Karen and Sekai, both teen-agers, have been in New Zealand for several months and it was our privilege to lead them to the Lord the first Sunday in June. Even though they were raised in church, neither had heard the plan of salvation before coming to NZ. Their aunt and uncle had been planting the seed and watering but God allowed us to do the harvesting. What a blessing to be where God wants us to be.

We would appreciate your prayers for Dale. He recently was scheduled for an ultrasound on his arteries and is waiting for a MRI. It is possible he had another stroke after the service Easter Sunday. We thought it was an MS episode (it only lasted two days) but the doctors are leaning more towards a stroke. He is pretty much back to "normal" but struggles with extreme fatigue at times. We will keep you updated once all the tests are completed.

**By HIS grace & for HIS glory,**

***The Browns***

**Dale and Janet**

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