



The Browns in Las Vegas

April 2026

It is almost the end of the first quarter of 2026. Our income tax is filed for the states and we will begin our last filing of taxes in New Zealand. New Zealand's tax year begins on April 1, 2025 and goes through March 31, 2026. We were having to pay heavy taxes in NZ in previous years so not having those quarterly payments will be a blessing.

We are still adjusting to living in a "foreign country." That's exactly what it feels like after living in NZ for 34 years. Janet has been good at relearning to drive on the right side of the road. Our Medicare advantage plan has been a headache but we have been able to navigate being away from socialized medicine. Grocery stores pack groceries in way too much plastic (NZ had done away with plastic bags and we had to carry our own bags each time we shopped). We're still having to remember to add states taxes to any purchase when we are figuring out our budget and tip everywhere we go. Taxes on items were always included in the price in NZ and we never had to tip. A love offering was taken up at our church and our pastor asked for it to be given by check or cash. Checks were done away with in NZ almost 3 years ago. Only cash, card, or online payments. It is a whole new world!!

My sister and her partner came for a short mini-holiday in February. We hadn't been together for almost five years. It really was a blessing to have them visit. They are already planning on coming back next year to avoid a week of Michigan cold. Also in February, we were able to present our ministry in NZ to our church in Las Vegas. Dale was able to preach that evening as well. It's always a joy to share our life and ministry.

The second week-end of April we were able to attend the 80th Anniversary of Trentman Avenue/Pleasantview Baptist Church. What a blessing that was to see so many faces we had not seen for such a long time. We have been a part of Trentman Avenue/Pleasantview as members/staff and then missionaries for 47 years. God is good! We also will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary in May. Blessings upon blessings.

On April 22 we were able to celebrate our grandson, Noah, 7th birthday. It was the first birthday we were able to celebrate with him and his family in person. It was a wonderful time together that we pray we will never grow tired of. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." THANKFUL, GRATEFUL & BLESSED!

***By HIS grace & for HIS glory,
The Browns
Dale and Janet***

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