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Miller's News

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



Dear Brethren,

Grace to you and peace. These last two months have gone by very quickly. A lot has happened since our last newsletter.



In the month of April I helped organize a small men's retreat for some of the brothers who are isolated down in the South Island. One of the brothers offered his holiday house and we gathered at Lake Hawea. It is a beautiful lake in amongst the mountains of the South Island. I took David Ross Nelson with me as David is wanting to assist and work with me in helping and supporting churches. David is eager and brings some fresh

ideas and it allows me to mentor and connect him with others.

We titled the gathering as a "Band of brothers". We took the character of David and how God used others to correct David and also to encourage him. The men all commented how much they got from it and it allowed them to be challenged and share their own needs and struggles. But also how they wanted to step up more in their own congregations in moving forward. It also allowed us to share ideas of what others congregations were doing in outreach.





are not from Christian homes. This also is allowing them to draw families to come along and hopefully lead them eventually to Christ.

We also decided we would do the Otago Rail trail that is around 158 km. They have made one of the old rail roads a biking track and it takes you through some

While in the South island we spent three weeks visiting the churches and brethren at different locations. It was good to be with the Christchurch church and preach and encourage them. Also we gathered with the church in Maitauro and had dinner together and a Bible study. They have started a day-care program and are using this to bring Christians teaching into the lives of many of the children that come who



wonderful country side. It took us three days to do.

This last week the church in Nelson asked if I would come down and preach. So I spent 4 days with the church in Nelson and was blessed to be able to share and help them think about some ideas but more importantly fellowship and encourage them.



While in the South island we got to visit with the Dunedin Church. They have moved to a new building which they are doing some major work on as it has to be earthquake approved. But it is a great facility and it was great to fellowship with them while there.





Recently we had Jae Jarboe and Phil Jackson From MRN come and spend some time with us and conduct a coaching workshop and help equip us with this tool. It was good to be a part of this.

Melinda and I have been having people into our home. Recently Man Preet who is Sikh from India but has been attending and has brought several of his friends are now attending. He and Cecilia, one of the SPBC students from China came around and cooked Indian food for us the other day.



this. It has been good that we can still spend time with each other.

Nathan, our youngest son, recently graduated from the University of Otago. We all went down and shared with him in his graduation. At the same time he has recently been asked by the owner of a company called "Lower" a clothing line for teens and young people to come and be their sales representative for New Zealand and the East coast of Australia. So we are thankful that he has this new challenge and have this employment in front of him.

In early May, my two older brothers wanted us to get together and have a few days fishing and spending some time together. So each year we are trying to do



Recently we got news that our granddaughter Charis won the American youth character award in Huntington Beach, California. We are naturally proud of her for obtaining this. Melinda is looking forward to going over to visit them in July.

As always we are thankful that we get to keep growing the Kingdom of God and know this would not be achieved if it was not for the prayers, encouragement and support of others. For that we are grateful. Please keep us in your prayers that we can always be where God wants us to be and doing what he wants us to be doing.

In His service,

Chris and Melinda Miller

