

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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We are thankful for all of you that have partnered with us through your prayers and financial support. We love and appreciate all of you! We trust all is well and that the Lord will bless you and supply your every need. Reitha has been thinking about the song, "There is Something About the Name of Jesus." In this song there is a phrase that says, "There are days when I feel the enemy surround me. If I breathe He will come and devour me, but all I have to do is speak His name." It seems as though the enemy is attacking Christians more than ever before. He is doing all he can to bring us down, whether through our bodies with sickness or attacking our minds with discouragement. We must daily put on the whole armor of God and fight the



enemy of our soul. We are overcomers through Christ. There is power in the name of Jesus and at His name demons must flee. **Romans 8:37** says, Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. Be encouraged, the Lord is on our side.

<u>A Few More Stories From New Zealand</u>

We were able to do some services at a couple local nursing homes. We are thankful we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with the elderly. As a result of the Lord opening this door for us we were able to meet a nurse by the name of Asmaret who is an Ethiopian lady. She talked to

Reitha and shared with her that she was also a Christian. She invited us to join a group from her church who does street evangelism on Friday nights. During these times we had a lot of good one on one conversations with people about the Lord.



Ministry at the nursing home.



Asmaret with the girls

In one of our previous newsletters, we mentioned the Hope Center, which is a food bank and community outreach center. As we worked there every week, not only did the Lord open up opportunities to minister to those we served, but we also were able to pray with some of our fellow workers.



Mary with us.



Averil, on the right.

* Mary, a Maori lady that worked at the Hope Center lost her son-in-law. One day she came to work discouraged about this and other family issues. She expressed how much of a blessing it was that we prayed with her. She loved our girls. At one point she said she was their Maori Nanny.

* Michelle is a lady that also works at the Hope Center. Reitha was able to pray with her concerning circumstances she was dealing with in her life. She became a close friend to our family and was a blessing to us in different ways. She spent her birthday with us and gave us a tour of the Auckland area. She expressed how sad she would be when we left.



Our trip with Michelle

* Averil is a lady who goes to the Hope Center church. One Sunday morning she came forward for prayer because she was distraught about a situation concerning her son. We are thankful for these opportunities to minister to these precious people.

Auckland Pentecostal Church

The first time we visited The Auckland Pentecostal Church we were approached by a man named Josh who asked if I was a preacher. They asked me to preach that morning. After the service Josh shared how early that morning he had a dream that someone he did not know came to preach at their church. He had been praying for someone to come and evangelize on the street with him. He felt that our coming to New Zealand was an answer to his prayers. He has a great burden for souls and was a tremendous help to us in

street evangelism. Josh has now become the pastor of that church. We know the Lord ordered our steps in leading us there. We look forward to seeing him again when we return.

Reports from the Road

• We are so grateful for how the Lord has been opening doors and blessing in services as we have been itinerating. In recent services it has been a blessing to see the Lord encourage and strengthen the hearts and lives of men, women and children. One Sunday night during the song service a little girl who had recently been saved came to the altar to pray. A few minutes later all the children were in the altars praying. It was so encouraging to see children being touched by the Lord. We must always keep our hearts tender toward the Lord as a child.

• Recently, at the beginning of a service, the pastor had a man with cancer come forward for prayer. As he was being prayed for, he gave his heart to the Lord. What rejoicing there is in Heaven over one soul being saved.

• At one of the churches where we were parked in Kentucky some of the neighborhood children came to play with our girls. Reiawna read a Bible story to a couple of them. The boy was nine, and his sister was six. When she finished reading the Bible story she gave them a Bible. After the little boy had read it for a few minutes, he hugged it to his chest and said, "I want this." We talked to his mother later, and she said he has been reading it. We pray that he will give his life to the Lord.



Focusing on the Future

We mentioned previously that our monthly support pledges covered around 20% of our needed living expenses. We are thankful for those of you who have been faithfully supporting us on a regular basis. God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity! We are also grateful for the new supporters that have joined us, and those that have increased their giving. We want to say God bless you to the many churches who have opened your doors to our family and to those that have given special offerings along the way. Our monthly pledges are now at around 23% of our living expenses. Would you please pray about what you can do on a monthly basis to help us to be fully funded.

God Bless The McDaniel Family



Josh witnessing.