## **The Guenther's** *Missionaries in* NewZealand

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We made it home! After 9 months furlough in the USA, we have returned to our field of calling. It was a stressful trip, including being charged twice for luggage due to a long layover in San Francisco, and the very real possibility that **our flight to NZ could be cancelled any minute** due to historical flooding at the Auckland Airport in NZ. Thankfully, we were able to get to NZ safely and on time.

What a blessing it was to be able to get off the flights and drive straight to our new rental house. It was **a huge answer to prayers** that we have asked you to pray for all year. Due to the timing of our flight, we only had one week to recover until our biggest outreaches of the year.

One week after we landed, the annual celebration of Waitangi Day on February 6<sup>th</sup> was held. We were able to set up a booth again during this event. **Thousands of people descended** upon our little town to join in the celebration. Our booth, once again, continued to be a very busy one. We had lots of our church people come throughout the day to help. Loads of tracts and flyers went out as we witnessed and invited people to our church.

The following Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, was our event on our church property. We invited the community to come to our church property and we have games, kiddy car rides, a petting zoo, prizes, candy, and sausage sizzle. We make this free to the community. Everyone who comes gets a tract, and our church people invites them to our services, and we look for gospel opportunities. Over the years we have been able to build up a lot of good will with the community through this event. We were not able to hold this last year because of Covid rules. Going into this year, we were not sure what kind of numbers we would get. At last count, we had over 500 people come to our church property that day! 41 of our church members helped, and it took all of us to make it work. God really blessed, the day went smooth and there was a good spirit all day. This is the most people we ever had. The last time we did this, we had 350 people, and we thought that was our limit. But God blessed, and over 500 people came and were given tracts and were able to see our little church family show them some love. Please continue to pray, that as the gospel went out, that souls will be saved, and people will come to our services.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support as we adjust back to life here in NZ and proclaim the gospel to the people of NZ! God bless!

## The Guenther Family

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