



The Guenther's *Missionaries* in New Zealand



June-August 2023



NEW Address:

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Our missionary partners, the Browns, took a short trip to the US (April-June) to visit some churches and see family. Working with missionary partners has been a huge blessing for us. It enabled us to take our furlough last year without worrying over the state of the ministry and allows them to take one without having to worry also. I have heard horror stories of missionaries being unable to work together. **Thanks be to God that he brought us along** the same path with the Browns. For 7 years, we have been able to work alongside them as partners in ministry. During this time, Patty Bouillon returned to NZ for a visit, to house sit for the Browns, and clear out her storage unit that she couldn't do due to Covid lockdowns. Patty worked with us for three years before Covid hit. It was good to see her again before her planned move to San Francisco to help a ministry there.

A young man named Zac began attending our church a few months ago after being invited by a young couple in our church. He comes from a catholic background. Our church began praying for his salvation. Another couple in our church took him under their wing and began helping him with Bible questions. In June, during an invitation call, **Zac came forward and got saved!** It was an answer to prayer! What an exciting moment for our church with many people encouraging him and helping him along the way. Many people were involved in planting and watering, and God got the increase!

We have been back in New Zealand since January. In a lot of ways, it feels as if we are still catching up. For the family, that means getting back into a normal school routine. In New Zealand, during the school year, they have 10 weeks on and 2 weeks off until summer break (which is shorter than US schools). Isaac (16) has begun studying to take his learners drivers license test. He has helped us out at church in various ministries, one being teaching kids in junior church periodically. Ethan (15) has taken up piano lessons from a missionary in Uruguay. He does a great job helping at church where he can, and he has offered to help in teaching this year. Landon (14) has continued improving on his guitar playing, learning mainly on his own. God has gifted him with an ability to learn and pick things up quickly. Kayleigh (8) enjoys going swimming, going to gym class, playing with her friends, and loves picking on her brothers. She definitely holds her own! **Joy has been holding us all together.** With more on my plate this year with the Browns in the States for a couple months (they have since returned), she has more than stepped up being the best help that I could of ever asked for. On top of all the things a mother does for her family, she has been an invaluable help and ministry partner.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support!

The Guenther Family

- *There is no update video for this letter.*

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

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