

## The Howell Family New Zealand

## DEAR PRAYER WARRIORS AND FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS,

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The words of Jesus are valid for our day, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." With Covid and lockdowns officially in our rearview mirror this past quarter, God has led my preaching on stepping up to serve as labourers where He has us. We've lost some members and had a few funerals, but our core is still intact. I've reconnected with some who are returning and we have new visitors faithfully attending. The church as a whole needs revival to rid the complacency the Devil fueled by Covid.

**SALVATIONS:** Our Deacon witnessed to a workmate for years, and this past quarter he and his wife got saved. The words from his mouth were, "Why didn't I do this sooner." Pray for Phil and Gail as they grow in the Lord.

FIRST ORDINATION: Prayerfully by the end of this year we will have our first ordination. We have seen men excited to go on and serve the Lord, but James is the first in our 12-13 years to commit to following through with training and pastoring a church. I am working with him using Gulf Coast Bible Institute. This church plant is about four hours from us, and most of his training and preparation has been done remotely, thanks to technology. In July we go through a final review of the church constitution. in September he will be preaching for us in Whakatane and our men will question him on doctrine. This young man's family is on fire for the Lord. Pray for this church.

**FAMILY CAMP:** Family Camp was a blessing this year. The theme was fitting as we strive to stay on the firing line, "Be a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

**PROJECTS:** (1) Thank you for supporting our Gospel tracts. Another pallet is being printed and will ship soon. (2) I am always looking for books and music CD's to give to our preachers and members; we can only get good conservative and fundamental materials from the States. If you have a favorite book for men, ladies or families, we can take any quantity. Ship directly to us before November 1, and they will arrive by Christmas, and also for our Soulwinning Revival in February.



**SALVATIONS** ~ Phil and Gail in the middle



**CALLED TO PASTOR** ~ James with his Wife on left



**FAMILY CAMP** ~ Fun competitions & Preaching

**FURLOUGH:** We are planning our 2025 furlough. It hinges on getting a furlough replacement arranged soon so they have the time to financially prepare. Prayer and recommendations are appreciated.

**HEALTH:** Kim's cancer is clear; she will get scans every 6 months. I had unexpected bladder and prostate surgery due to an enlarged prostate and 30 bladder stones. Healing and recovery are going great. Praise the Lord for His healing hand in our lives!

**UPCOMING EVENT(s):** • Bible Revival (*Aug*) • KJV Bible Conference (*Aug*) • Missions Revival (*Sept*)

THANK YOU for your faithful support, prayers, and sacrifices!

GOD IS GOOD ... ALL THE TIME, Lewis and Kimberly Howell

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