## Erwin Family



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## **Missions Update Newsletter**

Here in new Zealand we are in the midst of our winter months. June, July and August are cooler months with quite a lot of rain. Winter here isn't like the snow and ice covered northern states in the US. Our winter time is mostly quite mild with cool nights and chilly mornings. It still takes some time to adjust to it and let's face it cold weather is cold weather.

We found a house to rent located in the northern suburbs of Auckland. After a three month journey across the ocean and around the world our household items finally arrived from the US and we have been unpacking and setting up our home goods. It feels so good to unpack the familiar items from our home in the US into our missionary home here in New Zealand.

The past several months have been so full and busy with services, meeting new people, travel, finding

transportation, searching for a house to rent, moving and so much more. We have had to learn how to adjust to a new culture, a new country with different ways of doing business and ways of doing things. There's nothing wrong, it's just

different than what we have been accustomed to. It has been quite challenging to learn so many new



things and to make so many adjustments in such a short amount of time. We are walking totally by faith and trusting in the Lord with all our hearts.

We want to encourage you today to accept that change will come your way and that it makes things uncomfortable. But, as Isaiah reminds us in chapter



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48 verse 18; if we hearken to the Lord's commandments then peace like a river shall flow through us and God's righteousness is declared.

We have worked so hard to get to this point that we are currently at. But, now the real work begins. Pray with us and please consider supporting us as we follow after the plan that God has for this land and region. We are at the tip of the spear, but it is truly through your hand and the help of the Lord that we will do this work.

Now more than ever, as we reach out to our community and begin to find contacts and make friends, we want to lift up Jesus so that people will be drawn unto Him. Please help us pray as we labor in starting home meetings, beginning Bible Studies, and connecting with hungry souls. Help us, Lord, to focus our hearts, our minds, and steps to starting a work for Jesus on the North Shore of Auckland. This is what being on the front lines of a battle is like - a battle for souls, a battle in our minds, a battle taken on through much prayer and outreach.

Pray that we stay encouraged, that we receive favor, wisdom and guidance. You are a part of this, and we are so grateful for your help. God bless you.