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Pastors to New Zealand



Kia Ora!

Kia Ora is a Maori (indigenous people of New Zealand) greeting that wishes good health and blessings. If you're reading this, it is because we consider you a partner in ministry. Your prayers and financial support allow us to fulfill the mission God has for us here in Asia-Pacific.

We're in a bit different situation than a lot of beginning missionaries in that we are already located here in New Zealand! COVID has certainly impacted plans but we wanted to keep you updated as we transition in ministry with Global Strategy. Here's a little recap and a plan for the future.

This Year

Kris has been relief teaching and working with small cell groups. Megan has been putting in a lot of work with hospitality, discipleship ministry, and groups for parents, with a focus on apologetics and solidifying faith in families. We are confident that, in time, many of these cell groups will develop into long-term gospel communities and perhaps independent church plants. We're also excited about the growth we see in families and the nurturing of those connections even further. We look forward to being able to focus on those things in greater depth next year. Unlike the Northern Hemisphere, things here start to slow down significantly in November and many people go on vacation over the month of December, so Christmas here is certainly different!

We will be blogging regularly at www.thegilberts.info if you want to keep up with our latest musings.

How you can support us

Your continued prayers matter to us and they are making an impact. You will soon hear about how those have made a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others, so thank you! If you don't currently financially partner with us, you can find out more about how to get involved by visiting:

www.chogglobal.org/KMGilbert

Prayer Requests

Fundraising: Being unable to travel has altered plans and expectations for us. We'll need to be diligent and innovative as we seek to reach our goal

Momentum: A southern hemisphere Christmas means a lot of beach holidays and local travel. Most things (including many churches) shut down for at least 6 weeks, making momentum and programming challenging!

People: Pray for God to bring us people who are equally passionate about the gospel to do ministry alongside us.

Our three boys: Oliver (8), Simon (6), and Elliot (4). A restful summer holiday after a school year that has been very challenging with lockdowns, home learning, etc.

Thanks for your love, support, and prayers. We pray you have a wonderful Christmas as you celebrate the birth of the savior,

Kris & Megan

Below are photos from our November Light Party (delayed a few weeks due to unco-operative weather) and open Thanksgiving dinner. We served about 60 people between the two events!



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