

“To find God’s will is man’s greatest discovery; to do God’s will is man’s greatest achievement” John Wesley

May 2023

Dear Friends,
We hope this letter finds you well.

We are sending this out slightly early as we will actually be away most of May in New Zealand. In all the busyness and excitement of moving home we forgot to mention in our last newsletter that we will be flying to New Zealand on the 6th of May till the 2nd of June to visit one of our supporting churches there in Hamilton. Every four years the church brings “home” to New Zealand all their missionary families for a ten day conference and time of fellowship and relationship building with the church. The first time they did this was in 2018 and it was such an incredible blessing. We should have been going for the second conference last year but due to the ongoing travel challenges because of Covid, it was postponed till this year. We have been so blessed and encouraged over the years by this church “adopting” us and are so looking forward to seeing all our friends again who we haven’t seen for five years, and spending 10 days with the other missionary families the church supports who are currently working all over the world. We will be staying at the WEC base while we are in New Zealand and will be speaking to both the current students at Eastwest (WEC’s Bible College just outside Hamilton and next door to the WEC base, where we spent two years in 2008-2010), and also the current candidates on candidates course on the WEC base.

Please pray for a safe and good journey and that our time over there will be a blessing to us and to those we spend time with. Pray that God would use us to encourage and be a blessing as we share the incredible journey that we have been on with God and all the amazing things He has done in us and through us over these past years as Hope City Furniture has been birthed and has grown and developed. May all the Glory go to Him!

Please pray for us as we continue to settle into our new home. We have had to do a lot more work than we anticipated which has been a bit hard at times. But God is good! And at least we know we are investing in something that is ours. It’s also the nature of a house this age - you think you have one simple straightforward job to do but when you start it, it suddenly turns into several more complex, major jobs!!!

Please continue to pray for Abi as she adjusts to secondary school. We had a meeting with her form teacher and head of year last month to discuss with them the things that she is struggling with and finding difficult. So that was helpful but please continue to pray that her class situation improves and she can get to a place where she actually enjoys going there!



Hope City Furniture

We love what we do through running Hope City Furniture but at the same time we long to be able to do more. We have so many opportunities through the referrals we receive each week for those needing furniture but there is so much more we could be doing, especially in follow-up contact after we have delivered furniture. But Rich and I just don’t have the capacity to be doing any more than we already are. We would love to see others join us and for the charity to be able to grow and develop in this way. The harvest is indeed plentiful but the workers are few. Please pray that God would provide the right people to join us in this amazing ministry. Please also keep praying that through the provision of furniture we would continue to be able to share our faith, and be salt and light to those who don’t know Jesus. Pray for courage and boldness and that there would be fruit from the many encounters we have with people praying for them and giving out Bibles and New Testaments.

Thank you again for continuing to walk with us, pray for us and support us. We are so grateful for each and every one of you! With love in Christ,
Richard, Fiona, Abigail and Hannah

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