



# The Browns in New Zealand

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Spring is here in New Zealand but you would never know by the temperature! Winter is fighting hard to stay around.

Dale and I are staying healthy. Despite Covid making it's way into community cases in New Zealand (most cases have been in Managed Isolation - people flying in from other countries who must quarantine for two weeks), our area of Wellington is Covid free. New Zealand had opened a travel bubble with Australia for a short time in June and July but that closed rather quickly and the country went into total lockdown, again, in mid August. You never know how much you miss a cheeseburger until your can't have one!

New Zealand's lockdown is in four levels. Level 4 consists of staying within your home, only shopping for essential items, masks worn in all indoor spaces, no businesses open except for essential workers. Over the last five weeks, we have been at Level 4, 3, and are currently at Level 2. We can once again have church services but must have some form of contract tracing. New Zealand has an app that allows you to scan a QR code at any business. If someone visits that business and then is infected with Covid, the app will alert you if you have been to the same business. All businesses, including churches, must display the QR code. Masks are optional at church but we've had to space our chairs so there is at least 1 metre spacing between rows. We are so ready to get back to "normal."

We appreciate those who have prayed for Tim and Joy Guenther. They were finally approved for their permanent residence visas. The process took a little over 2 years. Patty Bouillon is still unable to return to New Zealand. Her Work Visa expired in January and her application for permanent residence was put on hold since she is out of the country. We would appreciate your prayers for Patty. Firstly, that New Zealand would once again open their borders to other countries and secondly, that she would be able to apply for a new Worker's Visa and return to New Zealand.

We appreciate your faithfulness to us through prayers and support. We know we say this quite often, but we couldn't be here without you!

By **HIS** grace & for **HIS** glory,

*The Browns*

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