

# New Zealand Newsletter January 2026

Month #1



Greetings from Tauranga!

It is hard to believe that I have been here already a month. New Zealand is such a beautiful country with beautiful people. The mountains, flowers, waterfalls, and views of the ocean are stunning. I praise God for the beauty He has created. I am humbled to have this opportunity to be here. I thank Pastor Borders and his family, a fellow AIM Amber, the ALC church, Regional Director Rev Troy Wickett, and AUPC Global Missions for their welcome and support.

The ALC church family is amazing! I attended bible study the evening I arrived. I witnessed the passion of Brother Borders and the church in praying for this city and the surrounding community. Not having their own church building, I saw how well the church works together in setting up and taking down what is needed for a service. May the Lord bless them with a building of their own!

I passed out many invitation cards and talked to many while walking. My goal is to see some of those in church or open to a bible study. It is helpful that I can attend a bible study with the Borders at a new member's home so that I can hone my skills.

ALC has been active. Highlights include completing a 3 day fast, foot washing service, and communion just last week. The ladies had an amazing food spread for a gathering and Sister Borders gave an enlightening presentation on dressing Godly. I was able to do a live video devotion on the National Prayer Ministry UPCI-NZ Facebook page—this was a daunting experience as I am not a Facebook user. But God can supply our every need! The youth had a youth day, and another is planned at the Border's home. Sunday services have been very engaging, from the song service to the preaching. I meet new people each week. It is heartwarming to see people actively seeking the Holy Ghost and God's will for their life.

My assignment here has been to view videos of Brother Cole's teaching, create lesson plans, and develop test questions for a Bible College course on Spiritual Preparation. Besides being able to serve, I am learning a great deal from these videos. There are other courses to develop and review for consistency with exams. I am soaking up new information that is so helpful to me in reaching others with the gospel. It is truly a blessing.

Thank you all for your prayers! I am staying healthy and active.

Sis Kathy Ohman

## Prayer Requests

- Able to teach a Bible study
- For people in New Zealand to hear the gospel
- Spiritual growth for ABI students

