

# MIZPAH OUTREACH

Prayer Letter #107  
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**Our Grandchildren**

## **Dear Praying Friends,**

They say time passes fast when you are enjoying yourself! We think it passes fast regardless, but as usual we were enjoying ourselves! We had a great time in the USA with the kids and grandkids! When all 15 of us were together (16 including Jonny Hewitt, Michael & Caroline's son, an LU student from Northern Ireland) it was bedlam but blessed, loud but lovely, intense but interesting, crazy but communicative, mad but memorable and we were proud to be part of it all!!! Five very active little girls with their Irish/Scottish and or American/Mexican/Austrian genes made life exciting for us and gave us loads of fun as we got to know their very differing personalities. Christian, our now almost 4 month old grandson was the 'icing on the cake' as he smiled contentedly and entertained us with his 'stories.'

## **Miscellany of our Gratitude**

It was a great privilege to spend time with family and also to minister in a few services while there. New Hope Baptist church folks, some of whom we have known for 10 years, and more recently Branch Baptist, opened their pulpits and their hearts to us, as we had opportunity to visit with them and share the work in Greece and Macedonia. We were glad to visit on occasion the fellowships our son's families are involved with, and see how they fit in where God has placed them. We also shared times of fellowship and food with long term friends and caught up on all their news. How thankful we are for the unseen bond that unites the people of God!

As you can see from the picture, we also had snow in the USA, although not as much as we hear there was in GB & Europe! It did make a very pretty scene! We are once again very grateful to TRBC for the use of the missionary home and for the car they left at our disposal while there. Very few can comprehend what this means to us on these visits and how much easier it makes life for us!! We also enjoyed friendship and ministry at Faith Bible Class as well as in the TRBC church services. During the two months we celebrated among many other things: 7 birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Burns night and were present at the dedication of baby Christian. Most of these events naturally meant shopping and cooking food for consumption!

## **Mistake at the Carpark!**

On our first shopping trip, David had another appointment and left Wilma the car keys. When finished shopping, with the help of an assistant she arrived back to the car and found that although she could open the doors, she could not get in the boot/trunk. Not to be outdone, they packed the shopping in the back seat and the assistant left Wilma to await David's return. Meantime, Wilma wondered how the car got into such an untidy mess since we only received it that day, so decided to use her time wisely and clean it up. Thirty minutes later, David arrived, jumped into the driver's seat and announced, 'This is not our car!!!' Now imagine the scene, as we were galvanized into action to remove our groceries from the wrong to the right vehicle, hoping we would not be charged with 'breaking and entering' should the owner return! In her defence, Wilma says, 'It was the same colour!' Boy, did we not laugh, as we recounted this story and wondered what the owner thought of their now clean and tidy car!!!!

## **Misdirection at the Post Office**

Many of our Christmas cards arrived late this year, due in part to the fact that Iain, when he moved house, asked for his mail to be redirected, but the post redirected all mail to his address, even though Allyn still lives at the old address. That problem, coupled with the snow delays on both ends of the Atlantic, meant that some of our cards continue to arrive at Iain/Allyn's addresses. Still, thank you so much for keeping in touch and sorry if you had expected to hear from us and didn't!



**Our home in Lynchburg**

### **Mishap at the Snowflex**

On Bryan's birthday we all went tubing to a nearby artificial ski-slope (amateur section). This involves sitting or lying on a big tube and sliding down. Of course the grandkids had a ball and the big kids enjoyed it too. Until, the last slide when David & Iain collided while trying to help two of the girls, and Iain (who almost passed out) ended up in ER. For some time then he had to wear a collar for his strained neck, but we are thankful as it could have been very much more serious.

### **Miscalculation in the Timing**

After helping Iain and Tanja move to their new home, there were various handyman tasks needing done, which were accomplished quickly. So, when Bryan mentioned needing the bathroom renovated to include a built in shower, Mr Optimist, with all his experience from Greece, decided it would take only a week. Fail!!!! It took 3 days with a powerful compressor and heavy sledges, just to remove the old bathroom walls, with many other unanticipated problems being encountered along the way!!! A month later, they have a working shower and the rest of the bathroom is almost completed. It does look much better and more spacious, but they have since made an incredibly good decision – no more renovations for a while!!!!

### **Misconceptions about the Big 60!!**

'Ageing is unavoidable, maturity is optional,' are the words of a very wise person. Although many of his closest acquaintances never expected it, Mr Walking Disaster (as he is known to some) or 'an accident waiting to happen,' David finally reached this milestone in January. He has since realised that a) It is no worse than 59 and b) Maturity takes a lifetime!!! He enjoyed a party with friends and family and was surprised by the video presentation many of you spoke on for him. He has many memories to hold on to and received some great gifts for the occasion. Many thanks to those who helped arrange it all and kept the secret!!!

### **Missionary at Home Awhile!!**

Since arriving back we have gotten over jetlag, taken a few meetings, visited some family and David has taken a dose of the 'flu, which has been pretty miserable. However, he has so far only had to change the date of one meeting and hopefully will manage all the rest, as well as fit in some visits in the upcoming weeks. This is **not our main period of deputation** and if we miss you out this time, there will be an opportunity to share together next year, Lord willing, when we take our 2012 meetings. If you need to see us urgently or have a meeting for one of the open dates, please call Charles & Bertha. We are having the van, checked and MOT'd while here and hope to do the same with ourselves while we are home. On March 8th we head for Scotland, take a few meetings, spend some time with Wilma's family, go to England from March 21st, cross the Channel on March 28th and head directly for Greece.

This is how our itinerary looked at the time of going to print:

#### **February**

6th Craigavon Baptist, 11am  
13th Mt Zion Community Church, 11am  
14th Mark Troughton's mens group  
19th Martin Bell's House meeting, 7.30pm  
20th Dungannon Baptist, 11am  
21st First Pres Portadown Senior CE, 8pm  
27th Boteer Mission Hall, 7pm  
28th Banbridge IM ladies meeting, 8pm

#### **March**

5th Scrabo Hall CCCF 2-8pm  
6th Derrycrew Mission Hall, 7.30pm  
20th Fort William Baptist church, 11 am



**Bryan & David  
working**



**Family Portrait for  
David's 60th**

## Missing our Friends on the Field!!

We look forward to returning to Greece and Macedonia. From **Greece** we hear that more towns and cities have received the City Bible provided by the Loukas Foundation. We have been blessed by this project and the outreach from it and to date around 750 copies have been distributed to the people in our area. Pray for us as we follow up the calendar/Bible outreach. Loukas Foundation has also informed us that since our trip to Israel last year, the City Bible for Jerusalem has now been printed and delivered, much to the excitement of those distributing it there. On our way back through Holland we will pick up some of the City Bibles for Greece and bring them overland.

From **Bitola**, we have heard news that the people are holding well together and Olive is working away with the people there. From **Gevgelija**, we hear reports of special events put on by the youth that unsaved young folks can come and ask questions about faith. Ladies meetings have also been arranged and speakers brought in from Skopje and other areas to teach them. This has been a big encouragement to the ladies in this area. From **Skopje**, we have heard and been praying for the serious situation in the clinic, where there has not been enough finance to pay the staff. This is an ongoing prayer need, which if not met, will mean the clinic has to close its doors. Those who need the clinic the most, are those who have no money for medical help/supplies, therefore this will not only mean they won't receive the necessary physical help, but neither will they hear the gospel on a regular basis. As we return, please continue to pray for us as we try to assist where possible.

During this year, we are hoping to start work on the Conference/Camp/Retreat Centre and at least get fencing, sewage, water, electricity and landscaping work done this year. Some people are considering coming out to help with these projects and we trust that it will be possible to co ordinate everyone into teams. That would be a tremendous achievement, meaning we then only have to consider the buildings to be placed on the ground. As we can now have at least local friends in for meetings in our own home, this will also be a great outreach opportunity to the people there, and we ask you to pray for folks to be willing to come along.

One last point for praise is that Allyn's Master thesis has been chosen for publication in an academic journal. This is a tremendous honour, and we are very proud of the effort Allyn has put into his work and trust it will be a useful resource for others in the same field.

Your Servants,  
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