

Our Dear Friends, Warm Christian greetings!

The time has come for us to write our Annual Christmas letter and to reflect upon the last twelve months. We are not planning on sending a printed itinerary but, as and when, we will post it on our web site. We certainly value your daily prayers. Sowing the Seed is ongoing and over the past year God has graciously given fruit for our labours.

Firstly, may we wish you a very meaningful Christmas and a blessed 2020. Over the Christmas period we will be thinking about the "Reason for the Season" taking our thoughts from the Epistles of John.

This past year has been varied with blessings and buffetings, encouragements and challenges. Thankfully, we have been able to fulfil all our preaching and speaking engagements despite a few health issues and unfortunately, we were not able to attend the third week of the Keswick convention owing to Kathryn's brothers illness.

The year started with the news that our oldest grandson, Benjamin (then 12), was to have surgery for a non malignant brain tumour. This was undertaken at a specialised hospital in Florida. The operation on January 8th went well but only about 50% of the tumour could be removed. He was in hospital for a week and spent a month recovering. Since then, he has made good progress and is back to all regular activities. Early next year he will have more scans and the next step will be discussed.

It was a great joy for us when Matthew, Wendy, Benjamin, Naomi and Gideon visited us from Nassau for almost a Month in May/June. When Rachel, Tristan, William and Holly joined us from Ferndown for a long weekend our joy was complete!

In early September category five hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas and the Northern Islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama felt its vicious force with sustained winds over 150 mph, 200mph+ gusts and a surge of up to 23 feet. Nassau had a lot of rain and homes were flooded but no extensive damage. Dorian left thousands of homes and businesses destroyed and thousands homeless. It will take years for things to return to normal and in some cases never. Please continue to remember these Islands and so many of our precious friends.

Again, during the past year we have conducted and attended many funerals of cherished friends. We have also visited the sick in our local hospitals and homes and had the privilege of sharing in the wedding ceremony of Sarah and Richard for whom many prayers over the years were answered.

As we step out into a new year we continue to look to the Lord for guidance concerning future ministry. Due to the uncertainty of when a replacement hip for David will take place, we have been a little reluctant to book too many services/meetings next year but, God willing, the surgery will be sooner than later and more services will be added. We are still in the process of "Changing Seasons" - not retiring but slowing down. Kathryn continues to speak at Ladies meetings, Lunches, Soup and Sweet occasions and children's meetings. We also continue our Monthly Prayer Fellowship and lunch when up to ten of us enjoy the fellowship and food.

Global Outreach Mission celebrated its 75th Anniversary in Canada in August but sadly we were not able to attend. The Mission is changing its name to "MissionGO" since there has been confusion with other Missions using the name Global Outreach. MissionGO is certainly growing with a variety of ministries around the World. Personnel associated with us in/from the UK are:

Pauline Linton DR Congo; Henri and Joyce Samoutou and family Republic of Congo; Bill and Pat Turner Silloth, Cumbria; David and Jean Foster Manor Park, London; Mark and Sharon Perkins and family Exeter; Idella Simmons Southgate, London; Alan and Patricia Smillie Fort William, Scotland; and Barry and Jean Burton, Leicester (seniors).

Again, thank you for your faithful prayers for our family and ministry. God bless you.

Yours in His glad service,

David and Kathryn