

Dear friends,

It is already Christmas Eve and no Christmas newsletter written!!! So it's time to start writing!!! For some of you it is already Christmas Day so this letter will be a little late.

Today we have already had a few Face Time conversations with family and friends in Australia as they celebrate Christmas Day. Our Christmas season this year is very quiet as Lynette and family are in Australia, Andrea and Rob are now living in Wales, and our only Canadian resident daughter, Corinne is working in a private home for three continuous days over Christmas as a Health Care Aid. Some of our grandchildren are away over Christmas but we expect to have a visit from one Grand-daughter and one Grandson sometime tomorrow. We expect to speak to and see our 3 great-grand-daughters on Face Time sometime tomorrow, they are now aged 4, 3 and 2. They live way up North in Terrace, BC. We have yet to see the two year old.

December has surprised us with some very cold days which is a little unusual for Victoria but it is milder now and hopefully will remain so.

The big surprise this year for our family was when Andrea & Rob left Canada for Wales in June of this year. Rob is the Pastor of Mount Zion church in Cardigan, West Wales. They both really love living there, love the church and are excited about what God is doing in their lives. Meghan (25) is in her last semester of University and will graduate in April. Matt (23) and his wife Elaina live in Victoria where Elaina is an Operating room nurse and Matt is in his final year of University. Taylor (22) left for Brisbane in November and is enjoying living with Lynette and Phillip and his three cousins - Michael (22), Chloe (20) and Emma (18). He has a work visa for a year and will, after Christmas, be looking for a job. Dylan (20) is still living in the basement suite of his parent's home and has Rob's brother living in the main part of the house. Rob's parents also live there in a suite above the garage, so Dylan has family around him. He has a lovely girlfriend in Victoria so we get to see him quite often.

Corinne completed a college course in November and is now a Registered Health Care Aid, working mostly in private homes which is her preference. Tasha (27) is studying at University and Kayley (25) and her husband Nic are the busy parents of our three beautiful grand-daughters. Terry, our-in-law, lives in Victoria and

looks after his 96 year old Mum. We see him regularly. Though we are sad that he and Corinne are parted, we are also thankful that our relationship has not changed and he and Corinne have a very amicable relationship.

Lynette and Phillip and their grown up children are all busy working and attending University. Lynette works as Financial secretary at Hillsong church in Brisbane, Phillip was busy publishing his book and is now back working in the City. Michael attends University and works at the Airport; Chloe studies Law at the University and works for a Member of Parliament and Emma works as a secretary for a company in the City. They are all very happy to have their cousin Taylor living with them.

Looking back it is very hard to believe that it is 18 months since Anne was diagnosed with cancer. Yesterday she had her regular appointment with her Chemo Oncologist and arrived home very excited as it had been a very positive meeting and she does not see him again for 6 months. Gareth has an appointment with another specialist on Dec. 30th and hopefully he will be able to diagnose the problem Gareth has with his legs, which give way on him quite often, though fortunately he hasn't fallen. He has had a CT scan which shows that everything is in perfectly good order. He has seen a physio Specialist Doctor who finally said he could not do anything more for him. Now he will see a Neurologist on the 30th. Other than that problem he is doing really well for his 75 years. We are thankful for God's supernatural peace which passes all understanding! We count our blessings which are many!

HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

*Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging 'round  
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.  
Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know and He is on the throne.*

With much love,

Gareth & Anne

