

NEWSLETTER # 9

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We have had an eventful few weeks since last I wrote, with a wonderful Christmas spent with our daughters and their families.

Just before the New Year, Anne fell and broke her wrist in several places. She now has to wear a metallic framework for 6 weeks while I act as nurse, chief cook and bottle washer. She's doing well after the initial shock and pain – I think I'll also come through it Ok!

The month of ministry at Bethel Baptist Church, Sidney, was very enjoyable and we now have many new friends. They have an exciting year ahead of them as they prepare to go into a brand new building, fully paid for as part of the development of their original small site. To augment my last message there on Sunday, December 30th, I wrote a poem on the measuring rod of John. This can be read in my poem section.

On our return home one Sunday evening, my car suddenly began to pour white smoke from the exhaust – the head gasket had blown! When I was informed by the garage, the cost of repair was too high for the value of the car, so I signed it over to them. Within one hour of that decision I received a telephone call asking if I could speak at a local Full Gospel Business Men's luncheon at very short notice. I grabbed my coat and went downtown by bus. After the meeting, one of the men drove me home and asked me, en route, what had happened to my car. On hearing of my situation, he immediately called a friend who had a car for sale. They bought it and gave it as a gift to me!! Its an old car but has only 90,000km on the odometer. God is still Jehovah Jireh! Praise Him!

One of my recent highlights was to speak to a Men's Breakfast meeting of Sidney Pentecostal Church. They asked me to speak again on the subject of revival. There were over 20 men present and the response was very gratifying. I believe lives have been changed as a result of that meeting. There is certainly a new hunger among those men for a sovereign work of God in their lives and in their town.

I continue to enjoy my morning devotions time. I currently read devotionals by A B Simpson and A W Tozer 'online' as well as a daily 'sermon' by Chas. Price (a noted evangelist in the N.W USA in the 40's) and Letters of Samuel Rutherford, a Scottish divine of the C17th. A rich diet indeed!

Ministry engagements:

January 19th: Men's Breakfast at Departure Bay Baptist Church, Nanaimo. Asked to speak on 'Leadership'.

Jan 20th: Adult Sunday School at DBBC: Asked to teach on the Holy Spirit.

Feb 23rd: Arbutus Christian Fellowship – my home church – morning service.