

## Newsletter 14 - September 2009

I'm sitting at home on a fine Autumn day thinking about the wonderful ways of God. I am so blessed to experience the "sweet-shops" of life these days!

Steve and Sulwen have returned home to Wales, I hope as refreshed and encouraged as we were when we returned here in August. It was so good to share fellowship with this couple who reflect ourselves, in a passion for the deeper things of God and for revival. Steve will take my place as the moderator for the next two 'revival' conferences in Ireland and Wales. (See details on [www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)) . Greg Gordon called last evening from his Calvary Bible School in Germany, where he is teaching a course on revival. He is greatly encouraged at the favour his webpage is having from church leaders all over the world. Invitations to hold conferences have come from as far afield as Australia and Nepal – I only wish I could attend them all! I do ask why He has planned these conferences in Wales (my homeland) and Nepal (a country very near to my heart) at a time when I am unable to attend. I had the joy of ministering to a group of Ghurka (Nepalese) soldiers while I was teaching with the British army in Hong Kong in 1967-69, and I visited there in 1995 on mission. I shall be at my urologist when the conference is in Wales and in Australia visiting our daughter and family (Lord willing) when the conference is planned for Nepal in early 2010. I have learned long ago to trust the Lord in all things – especially concerning my travels. It is nice to receive invitations as I have recently from Pakistan and Africa, but one has to seek the Lord's opening of these doors rather than respond to every invitation however tempting it might be to the ego. Meantime, I rest content in His leading.



Since arriving back home I have received an invitation to sing in a male voice quartet! The new pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, where I was the interim pastor for 7 months last year, used to sing in a quartet, just as I did in my university days, so he has invited me to join him and two others to see if such a ministry would be feasible. I'm enjoying again the times of practice, surprised I can still reach those high notes as tenor, and looking forward to our first ministry next Sunday morning at Bethel.

Last Sunday evening, I attended a local Anglican church – one of those which withdrew from the Canadian Anglican Church over the local bishop's recognising same-sex marriages. Their rector had called the church to seek the fulness of the Holy Spirit and revival. It was a good meeting and I was greatly blessed. Several people went forward to have hands laid on them with prayer. As a visitor, I was strongly moved to pray earnestly for this church but needed to go outside to pray as the worship team continued to sing, while the rector and his team of helpers were praying – and I found that quite disturbing to my prayer time. I came home greatly encouraged that there is a growing passion for revival among local clergy. My own pastor, John Schaper, has a similar passion and has given me the go-ahead to minister to his worship teams regarding leading us into the presence of God that we might worship Him. (See my teaching on Worship.) This is something I feel strongly about, so am praying that I might have wisdom and anointing in leading others to experience the presence of God in our worship.

He is worthy of our worship – the angels declare it, the apostles agree and I say, "Amen!"

Our family is well, including the new great-grand-daughter, Naveed, born to Kayley and Nick, just before we left for Wales in April.

Rejoicing in His love,

Gareth

