

**MAY YOU KNOW PEACE AND JOY
THIS COMING CHRISTMAS SEASON.
WE WISH FOR YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

We are currently in sunny (and hot) Redland Bay, Qld., Australia where we are visiting our daughter Lynette and her family, husband Phillip, son Michael and daughters, Chloe and Emma. We have come here every three years since 1995 but were unable to do so last year, as scheduled, due to my bladder cancer and two operations. In mid November my urologist gave me the “all clear” and permission to come here for four months. We shall return home in April via Japan, courtesy of Japan airlines allowing us a 'stop over' on our return journey. We have some wonderful Japanese friends who for some time have asked us to visit them.

I have many other friends here in Australia and anticipate meeting some of them while here. Nick Watson from Brisbane attended our first 'revival conference' in Canton OH back in October 2007 and he and I shall renew fellowship in the coming weeks. When we first came to see our daughter in 1995, after leaving the Anastasis, I spoke at Capernwray, NSW and that opened doors into many churches from coast to coast. Every time I have come to Australia since, I have received so many invitations to speak and we have traveled widely over this dry land. Oh that people here would long for the outpouring of God's Spirit as much as many of them long for the rain to quench the thirst of the dry ground. This time, I shall not travel far from Brisbane except to visit Canberra where our daughter used to live and where we have some special friends we need to see. If the Lord opens doors for me to speak, of course I shall do so, but that is His timetable, not mine.

I listened with great interest to the webcasts of the 'revival conferences' in Ireland and Wales on www.sermonindex.net. I am privileged to be part of that ministry but admit to being a little envious of those who could attend while I was at home in Canada needing my urologist's treatment and diagnosis. The conference in Loughor was particularly of interest to me as that is my wife Anne's home village and Moria chapel was the church her mother attended as a child. All the speakers blessed me but, of course, I was most interested in Yorrie Richards as he and I share a long history together. I remember him before his conversion and was present on the night God wonderfully anointed him and delivered him from a cruel stammering tongue. Yorrie knows what it is to experience the awesome presence of God. He tells of this time in his message preached at the revival conference in Greenock, 2008 – also on the sermonindex webpage.

I am feeling in wonderful health and anticipating returning to Canada with renewed energy and passion for the things of the Lord. I am so privileged to work for Him for He is worthy of all we can be and do by His indwelling and enabling Spirit.

Again, have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year. May this coming year be one in which you will see 'the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering' (*Moravian motto*).

Gareth