

This has been a very busy month with welcoming visitors from Australia, UK and Toronto, and saying 'fare-well' to Shane & Kristie who, with their four children were driving across the States to Florida (with all their belongings in an old trailer), en route to Haiti where they are establishing a home for refugees. You can read about them at [www.mercyleague.org](http://www.mercyleague.org) – quite a vision!

**Derek & Eira** are from Wales originally but now live in Perth, Western Australia. We had a wonderful time reminiscing and enjoying sweet fellowship. I was intending to call Rami, my new friend from Saudi Arabia - Mecca, in fact - (see my last newsletter), when he called me to say how much he had enjoyed our conversation on the plane. As he was to celebrate the fast of Ramadan in a few days time, we invited him and his wife Nesuba, to come for dinner with us and our Australian guests. What a wonderful evening we shared together! On my returning them to their University accomodation, Rami embraced me and said, "I now have a Canadian family!" Nesuba was also relaxed at our home, even volunteering to wash up after the meal! Please continue to pray for them as they settle in to Canada and as we make a deeper friendship.

Just after Derek & Eira left for Wales, en route back home, other guests arrived.

**Richard & Judith** toured the Rockies and took an Alaskan cruise before ending their Canadian holidays in Victoria with us. Again we enjoyed sweet fellowship. Richard was in my youth work in Wales in the 70s so has been a dear friend for many years. They were intending to visit us a year ago but Judith had complications with her heart. It was good to see how well she has recovered.

**Cor and Ruth** were in my first church in Ontario and were spending just a few days with friends in Victoria. We had two lovely days with them, including one of our summit studies. We had not seen them for 25 years and it was so good to see how they are going on with the Lord and being used of Him.

Our Sunday evening prayer times have continued with small numbers – in fact, for two weeks I was alone but am committed to spend this time each week seeking the Lord for revival. The others were committed to other ministries at these times. I have been motivated in this by Isaiah 62:6,7.: “ .... *give Him no rest till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*”

I also have had other ministry – this past Saturday, I was the guest speaker at a Pentecostal retreat for addicts, both recovering and conquering. I spoke on 'Release' (see my book *The Key in My Hand* on-line) – and was very well received. Anne and I stayed overnight and enjoyed a lot of fellowship with the 40+ attending the retreat. Further, four men have asked me if I would mentor them – what a privilege! I can think of nothing I enjoy doing more than spending time with young men passionate about their walk with the Lord. Robin & Harrison are two university students in their early 20's who both came to the Lord within the last two years; Nathan and Joshua are two mature Christians with families, both with a passion for revival and personal growth. We are meeting weekly so please pray for these ministries. This past week my pastor, John, came to me to ask if I would take on a venture he started last year, called *The Preacher's club*. These are young men whom he has invited to study the 'art' of preaching, as he sees potential in them for leadership. I have agreed and will start this coming Saturday with a small number of young men. Though this isn't quite the same as mentoring, I shall be taking every opportunity to speak into their personal growth as well as teach the art of homeletics.

On Wednesday evenings we still have our 'summit studies' with good numbers attending these hikes and studies. Naturally, I am excited at these wonderful opportunities to influence young men and women for Christ. I said to Anne last week, "I feel as though I'm doing more for the Kingdom these days than when I was a paid pastor in a church!" Thank You, Lord!

The next Sermon Index conference on revival will be in Dallas, October 19th-21<sup>st</sup>. I shall not be attending as they have local moderators, but you can watch it live on web cast by going to [www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net). Of course, we covet your prayers for these events.

My last visit to the urologist this month, elicited the comment 'fabulous!' from his lips after he scoped my bladder. Though I must continue to visit him each few months, he is confident as I am, that my cancer is gone, and will not return. PTL! I do have a visit to have a colonoscopy next month but this is just precautionary at my age. In all, I am enjoying good health and certainly enjoying spiritual life in the Lord. *I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me!*

I am collecting quotable quotes: I like this one:

**The wise man, I affirm, can find no rest in that which perishes: nor will he lend His heart to aught which doth on time depend.**

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Till next time, keep rejoicing!

Gareth