

2013 has started quietly but with much encouragement. Anne's second course of chemo has gone well and she is feeling no bad side-effects. Her hair is growing back and her peace is wonderful to see. She has two more of the weekly sessions at our local Cancer Clinic – 4 hours each week – and then she will probably start on a radiation regime, daily for a month. Of course, we are believing for a complete healing as I intimated in my last newsletter. My leg feels completely healed and I have resumed my prayer walks – mostly at the local university.

At the end of November I was invited to share some thoughts on The Deeper Life with a forum hosted by Tozer's devotional on the Christian & Missionary Alliance web page. I felt that few of the subscribers to that page were writing about the Deeper Life, so was invited to contribute my articles – I felt it was a great privilege to share with many who, I'm sure, read Tozer's daily devotional. I have therefore contributed a number of articles to that web page which you can read on this webpage – see *The Deeper Life* on my home page.

Public ministry was very limited during 2012 but I was happy to be able to spend much time with Anne as she walked her valley, and to enjoy some wonderful times of prayer. I also had several times with young men as they sought my fellowship and mentoring. I have now been invited to join a small number of them meeting weekly at **Men's Church** – a Bible study/discussion group. I'm three times their age but they make me feel very welcome!

IN January, I was invited to the prayer meeting of a local Pentecostal church to speak to them (about 35 middle-aged/seniors) on “directed praying”, especially for revival. I feel it went well and can only hope that they, or some of them, will take seriously the promise “*If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins and heal their land*” (2 Chron 7:14).

I am speaking these two Saturday mornings at Beit Shalom, a small pro-Jewish gathering and then, on March 3rd, I shall be speaking at Elk Lake Baptist Church on the outskirts of Victoria. I'm always pleased to be invited to minister in such meetings. Since leaving the 'paid pulpit' in 1990, I have not written one email or made one telephone call, seeking either ministry or financial support, but the Lord has been wonderfully faithful, taking me 'around the world and giving me many great experiences as He leads. I can now trust Him fully that He is charge of my schedule and will open doors when and if He desires – and I am happy with that. In the meanwhile I shall dedicate myself to seek an anointed prayer life.

In September, our daughter Andrea and her husband Rob went on holidays to Wales. Andrea had not been back there for 24 years and Rob had never been outside North America. They were so blessed with that visit that they are now returning this week with a view to seeking full-time ministry in my homeland. Naturally, I am almost as excited as they are!

As you read my newsletter and peruse some of the articles written here, may the Lord make Himself known to you in a deeper experience than you have ever had before. May you delight in His presence and, like me, rejoice in His mercies.

Gareth