

Little new to report. Anne's radiation treatment is now over and she is recovering from the skin burns such treatment produces. Her spirit remains positive and we continue to believe for her complete healing. The oncologists want to do surgery 'just in case any cancer remains' though they can detect none – we believe she has been healed some time ago in answer to our prayers. Now we are in a dilemma – would it be presumption or faith to deny surgery? There is often such a thin line between these two. We are seeking a clear leading from the Lord, as we have had many times in the past when we needed wisdom. Until He gives us clear leading, we shall continue with the medical treatment, seeking second opinions each step of the way. Already we are sensing some directions from the Lord – will keep you informed. Our daughter Lynette from Australia, is presently with us for a short time, so she can see first-hand how well her mother is coping with the cancer. Corinne and Andrea live quite near so they are always up-to-date., but Lynette's regular Skype conversations do not convince her as much as seeing her mother in person.

Though my blood clot is under control with Coumadin (every day) I have now developed a 'weakness' in my other leg causing me to stumble a little, especially when going downstairs. I shall see the specialist in June. I guess it is true that 'growing older brings its complications' – even though my spirit feels as young as ever and the company I keep certainly keeps me young. Of course, we are praying for healing and I am exercising my legs and hips regularly.

As regards ministry – I am enjoying my times of prayer and asking that the Lord anoints these times as He has evidently anointed much of my pulpit and traveling ministry. Part of my praying is to ask for 'perennial fruit' from the seeds of ministry sown over the years. They are His seed and all I could do was to sow it – He waters it and nurtures it so that it will not return without completing His purposes. I ask that those purposes would continue over the years with still new fruit – “30, 50 and a hundredfold”. Indeed, even this week we were reminded of such ministry many years ago that came back now to bless us. It is always a joy when 'a voice from the past' is heard via an email. Further, I am always pleased to receive emails telling how the web page is a blessing to pastors and church leaders in other countries – particularly Kenya and Pakistan, from both of which I have received several invitations recently to go and minister there. However, my days of such travel, often with sleeping in airports and preaching every day, are a thing of the past.

As I am slowing down, it seems that doors are opening for Andrea and Rob. They have now received an invitation to pastor at Mt Zion Church in Cardigan, Wales. They, and we, are very excited at the opportunity. When I first visited Cardigan en route to our conference in Scotland (see newsletter #11), I had little thought that this would be the opening of a door that would so impact our daughter and son-in-law's lives! God truly moves in mysterious ways! On subsequent visits to Wales we grew to love this congregation as our own 'home church' so, naturally, we must go again to visit them with their new pastor! Any excuse will do to return 'home'. They are a congregation of between 70 and 100 – but more than 40 often attend the weekly prayer meeting – a sure sign of promised blessing!

My own prayer time still majors on revival – God's manifest presence in His church. He has promised that *“the fervent effectual prayers of a righteous man availeth much”*. I am a righteous man – not in

my own righteousness but because I am accepted in the righteousness of my Saviour. My prayers are certainly 'fervent' as they are birthed in a real heart ache I have for my city and country. But are they 'effectual'? Only He can make them so, by His anointing. That is what I am seeking. I do not want to pass my days praying nice platitudes – I want my prayers to be heard in heaven – and feared in hell! That really is my present 'ministry' – and I consider it a truly worthwhile one!

Already, I am sensing a moving in Victoria and am encouraged by many 'green shoots' among the tares. I enjoy meeting with and encouraging other church leaders here. They are seeking strategies to reach this beautiful , but spiritually dry, city. I am asking for God's anointing on those strategies. This Sunday, there will be simultaneous meetings for prayer and proclamation at 7 'high points' around the city. Hopefully, many will turn out for these times. Of course the greatest strategy is clear: *“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 will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”* 2 Chron 7:14.

***Our most pressing obligation today is to do all in our power to obtain a revival that will result in a reformed, revitalized, purified church.***

*Tozer*

Of course, all our strategies will never produce revival unless it is birthed in Him. ***The river of God is full of water; but not one drop of it flows from earthly springs.***

*Spurgeon*

May the Lord bless you my reader, as you seek to know Him more! May this letter and web page be a continued blessing to you.

***Gareth***