

I am a little chastened as I've recently received a number of e-mail reminders that my web page is not "up-to-date"! I am also pleased that you find my writings of value and interest. I do know that they have been a blessing to many in developing nations as I continue to get reports (and invitations) from pastors in Africa. Also of great blessing to me is receiving emails from the distant past from friends/acquaintances who have recently discovered this web page. Thankyou all!

My ministry is still very rewarding though I do not have so much 'pulpit time' as in the past. Since the last newsletter I have spoken at Sidney Highway Church (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada) and conducted a weekend retreat for Celebrate Recovery – a Bible-based 12 step program for recovering addicts and co-dependents. At both, a wonderful sense of God's presence was evident. At Highway my message was "Waste not your Crises!" and was a response to the apparent judgment coming upon America and, possibly, Canada. I started my thoughts by referring to the book *The Harbinger* by Rabbi Cahn – look it up on You-Tube – quite startling. What should our response be? - a) burying our heads in the sands like the proverbial ostrich; b) lifting up our heads in anticipation of the near return of the Lord; or c) "if My people who are called by My name ..." (2 Chron 7:14)?

At Celebrate Recovery my teaching was on the Faith (*without which it is impossible to please God – Heb 11:6*) and the Walk of Faith. (see my *Teachings* page).

For next year, I have been invited to speak at a Seniors retreat at Cedar Springs (WA, USA) and at a Young Adults retreat in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory -(both in May). Though I am the same age as the seniors, my heart is still as young as the young adults! Much of my time is spent with the latter as I still have the privilege of mentoring/encouraging young men. There have been several new 'church plants' in Victoria in the past year or so, led by young men who, with their wives, feel called to this city from varying backgrounds. They have started meeting monthly under the banner *Sea-to-Sea* (ie; all of Canada), to have lunch and to pray together – and they have invited me to join them! (I'm three times as old as most of them but they have made me very welcome). I am also a participant in a weekly Bible Study involving University-age young men. How privileged I am!

My legs continue to bother me and I do fewer prayer walks around the university than I would like to do. A CT scan showed up nothing unusual – indeed, when my physiacist told me I have the body of a 35 year old – I replied, "Then why do I ache like a 74 year old?" I have a very good doctor who will not rest until we resolve this enigma. Of course, I have claimed healing and 'walked out' my healing but, as yet, there is little improvement.

Anne continues to wait on the Lord for wisdom – to know whether to have surgery or not. A recent PET scan revealed a small node deep within a minor muscle near her shoulder. A biopsy is not viable so the oncologists cannot determine whether it is malignant or not. Meanwhile, Anne feels as though she has never been sick – wonderfully well – so is hesitant to have what may be unnecessary, radical surgery. We both believe she has been healed in answer to prayer – reinforced by the doctors' amazement at her rapid response to treatment – but there is a fine line between faith and presumption – so wisdom is needed!

All is well in our larger family: Corinne has recently qualified as a care giver (top of her class!) and is

now starting her practicum; Andrea and Rob (Filgate) are happily ministering in Mt Zion Church, Cardigan, Wales; Lynette and Phillip (Cook) continue to work and live in Brisbane where they attend Hillsong church. We are still praying that Phil's book *Dead Man's Journey* will become a 'best-seller! You can find it on Amazon - it reads really well. All our grandchildren are in good health. Tasha is at the local University studying Psychology; Kayley (and Nic) with their three children, live in Terrace, BC; Meghan is completing her teachers degree at the local university; Matt (and Elaina) live in Victoria while he completes his degree in Geology and she is an operating-room nurse at the local hospital; Taylor is in the process of going to Australia to be with his cousins and attend Hillsong where he hopes to expand his worship-music ministry; Dylan manages the kitchen in a local restaurant and has a nice girlfriend, Emma; Michael works at Brisbane Airport and attends University; Chloe is studying Law and working for an MP; Emma is working for a company in down-town Brisbane.

Thank you for reading my newsletter and for visiting this web page. May the Lord bless you and yours with the smile of His face and His presence.

May the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ grant you wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself .. (Eph 1:17)

There is a truth that can never be grasped by the intellect, for the intellect exists for the apprehension of ideas, and this truth consists not in ideas but in life – Tozer

Gareth