

Another six months have shot by almost without our noticing it! The winter in Victoria was very mild and the spring has been beautiful as the flowers and shrubs explode into colour. Victoria is a very beautiful city, noted for its mild climate and flowers.

Anne's health continues to improve and we are planning a trip to Europe this month following her 'all clear' from the oncologist. During her sickness, my diary remained free of ministry so I was able to spend good time with her; now that she is well, my diary is filling up with itinerant ministry (see my comments on the opening page). God is so good to us – He makes my appointments better than any secretary could do! Since 1995 I have not written one email/letter nor made one telephone call asking for ministry but He has always opened doors at the right time. It is so comforting to be led by His hand, in His time. “I know not what the future holds but I know Who holds the future.”

I have had several preaching engagements, especially at the Chinese Alliance Church while they are seeking a new pastor for their English-speaking services. They are always a pleasure.

I have continued my weekly Bible Studies – one with a Mexican lady, another by FaceTime with a young friend in Wales and a third at my local church – but these will soon cease as we are off to Europe later this month, returning in August.

In *January* I was invited to speak on the subject of “elders” to church leaders in **Nanaimo** (up-island). See my article on elders under 'Teachings'.

In *February* I spoke to the leaders of **Celebrate Recovery**, a Christian 12-step program in a local church. I taught on “Offenses” and led a short workshop. That teaching always has a good impact. Later we traveled to **Lumby**, to the north of the Okanagan Valley in mid-BC, where I spoke at the induction service for Shane Mattenley and at a Winter camp for youth. We truly enjoyed that time, especially seeing Shane and Kristie again. I met him on my first visit to Haiti and have maintained a good contact, speaking at several opportunities he has given me.

In *April* we were at the **Chinese Alliance Church Family Camp** where I spoke to the English-speaking congregation on Psalm 23 and the Song of Solomon – *The Song of the Shepherd*.

In *May* we had two engagements: first we traveled to **Whitehorse** in the Yukon to speak at a retreat for College & Career young adults. They had me teaching six sessions on 'Overcoming the tactics of Satan'. That was a precious time making new friends and renewing old acquaintances. Their leader was Harrison Kwok, a young Chinese man I had the privilege of mentoring shortly after his conversion while at the University of Victoria ~ 4 years ago. He and his wife Kaitlyn have a passion for God and are lighting a fire in the hearts of their friends in the Yukon. Just two days after returning home we were off again – this time to cross the southern border of BC to speak at a retreat for Brethren Seniors at **Cedar Springs** in Washington State. What a beautiful place that is! - and the fellowship was beautiful too. I spoke on Abiding in Christ – produces fruit; an overcoming life; the walk of faith and the rest of God. One afternoon, we had a talent time. Those Brethren sure know how to laugh!!

While in UK I am anticipating moderating at a conference on 'Revival' at La Quinta, Oswestry, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Here is their link: <http://www.sanctuaryconference.co.uk>

While in UK we can be contacted at our usual email address ([gareth-anne@garethevansministries](mailto:gareth-anne@garethevansministries) or [gareth.anne@gmail.com](mailto:gareth.anne@gmail.com)). Hope to see some of you during our two months there.

Though both Anne and I have had health problems this past year we are currently doing well. She is remarkably well following her cancer and has recently received an “all clear for now” from her oncologist. I underwent several examinations (CT scans, ultra-sound, MRI, bone scan) to seek the cause of spasms I have had in my right leg. Finally, an MRI detected a Tarlov cyst in my Lumbar2 vertebra pressing on the nerve sheaf exiting the bone. I have yet to see a neurosurgeon but I understand these are rarely operated on as the area is too dangerous for surgery. I am, of course, seeking a Divine healing and must report much improvement over recent weeks. Anyway, I can certainly live with the discomfort I have experienced thus far.

Our children continue in good health; Corinne here in BC, Andrea (Rob) in Cardigan, Wales and Lynette (Philip) in Brisbane OZ. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren bring us much joy – and causes for prayer(!) and are scattered all over the place.

I have attached a photo from Cedar Springs retreat. That's me on the right and we are in the back row, #s 7,8. Anne is the short, beautiful one.

May the Lord continue to bless you all,

Rejoicing in His mercies,

Gareth

