

2015 will be a year to remember with the marriage of our youngest grand-daughter and the passing of our oldest. Tasha (Duffy) passed away suddenly on Friday, August 21st at her home, aged 29. She had worked a full day's work, had texted her husband Tyson with a humorous photo of their dog at ~ 5pm but was found by him just an hour or so later, seated peacefully on their sofa but without life. He tried CPR and called the paramedics who were there very quickly, but none could resuscitate her. The autopsy gave no definitive cause though we know she had irregular heart-beat and suspect instant death syndrome.

It is amazing the peace that has pervaded our home over the past 10 days – truly the Prince of Peace has made His presence known. It is at times like these that we know we “do not mourn as those without hope”. Tasha had not been walking close to the Lord since her teen years so we have always been in prayer for her, during which times Anne has often had an assuring inner word from the Lord saying “she is mine’. I remember the time when I heard an audible voice (my first such experience), saying the same words about two girls for whom I was burdened in prayer. It is very assuring.

On to more happy news: I conducted the **wedding** of two dear friends – Rob and Maya Reinhart, currently on honeymoon somewhere in Europe. They both minister in the area of discipling ‘wounded’ and hurting people – and were among those attending my retreats with Celebrate Recovery.

I have continued my **teachings** with a small group of University students every other week. We have been looking at greatness in the Kingdom of God – see my teaching under Teachings/The Greatest. There have also been weekly studies at the church – Abiding in Christ.

Another exciting development is that our Youth pastor has asked me to work with him in preparing a teaching package for our College & Career group (about 20 young adults – my favourite age group!). We shall be starting this later this month.

Our **music group** made their first appearance at church – to everyone’s surprise and delight! We sang the old choir favourite, “We’ll be there, we’ll all be there!” Now we are in practice for the next time soon.

A highlight of the month was a visit from **Deb Krum**, a special friend from Idaho, with whom we have been in regular correspondence for the past 5 years, since she heard me speak on-line from a conference in Baltimore. She was captured by my theme ***Is God in your ‘ministry’?*** taking the words of Moses, “God, if You are not going with us, I’m not going!!” (Ex 33:15). O that more ministries would cease working in their own strengths and begin to know a manifest presence of the Lord in their work (ie; anointing). *I dwell with the King for His work, for the work it is His and not mine*

He plans and prepares it for me and fills me with power divine

Now labour is turned to delight and toil into joy as I sing

For I dwell with the King for His work and work in the strength of my King

(quoted by Spurgeon)

Thank you for reading my newsletter. I trust that many are blessed by this web page. Please use the material found here to augment your own ministry. It is my constant prayer that the Lord will take whatever seeds we sow, to bring fruit that is to His glory. He is worthy! Gareth