

It is now 2 months since the passing of our grand-daughter Tasha and the peace of the Lord has been still our experience. He is faithful. Lynette, our daughter from Australia, came to spend some time with us and her sister Corinne. Her daughter Chloe accompanied her on the trip. During the weeks following the tragedy, Lynette wrote a short inspiration each morning and sent it to each one of us including Tyson, the bereaved husband. They were greatly appreciated.

Opportunities for ministry continue with invitations to speak at the local **university** to a group of believers there. Each week I join with a few of them for prayer and am encouraged to believe great things will happen there.

I am also teaching our **Young Adults** group in conjunction with their pastor. For my first sessions, I taught on 'being IN CHRIST'.

I shall be speaking at our church's first **Men's Retreat**, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>. I declined at first as I am aware that 'a prophet is (usually) without honour among his own people' but the leaders insisted so I am led to speak on that most dear to me heart – revival. I intend to tell the stories of the Welsh revival (1904), the Hebrides revival (1949) and the Saskatoon revival (1971). We shall look at the pre-cursors and the effects, asking if the same can happen today and, if so, under what pre-conditions. I have been having 'a whale of a time' reading up accounts of these most amazing visitations of God. I always try to keep the fire burning brightly in my own heart and these accounts have been oil upon the fire. I have had the blessing of experiencing revival in some small way in the '70s while in Wales – it has been said that "the man who has experienced revival fire will always smell of smoke!"

I still continue to be available for **mentoring** young men – what a privilege! I spoke to some older men at my church encouraging them to actively pursue mentoring – asking the Lord to direct them to some young man and befriending him. I thank the Lord for the two I am actively (weekly) able to spend time with – one by Skype. He is pastoring a church in the interior of BC – sadly, the ministerium of which he is part, has been encouraging him to read certain books to help him in his preaching ministry – and he is feeling 'dry' because he has neglected the more important communion with God out of which flows his usual preaching material. How sad when experienced pastors find their material in the latest books rather than at the feet of the Master! No wonder the church in Canada is impotent having little impact on society! *"The Kingdom of God will not advance by our churches being full of men but by men being full of God"* - Spurgeon

I encouraged S to get back to spending quality time in prayer with an open Bible – with no cell phone distractions and a locked door – where he can hear the Master's voice.

Another young man has started seeing me each week – he is from a godly family but wants to know God himself in a deeper way. I am encouraging him to become a worshipper by meditating on what the Lord has done for us. *When I stand before Thy throne, dressed in beauty not my own; when I see Thee as Thou art, love Thee with unsinning heart. Then Lord, shall I fully know – but not till then – how much I owe!*

Our men's **music group** are having some good times – we have now sung 3 times at the offering time in church. Our songs are the 'oldies' loved by a large part of the congregation – and enjoyed by all. I love singing and am amazed how I am still able to reach those high notes (I sing 'top tenor').

Anne and I continue in good health, except for the usual aches and pains of our age. My latest urology test was 'all clear' as was Anne's latest cancer test. We thank the Lord for His continued goodness to us.

Thank you for reading my newsletter – I trust this webpage is a blessing to you.

Still rejoicing in His mercies,

Gareth