

Family News 2008

Charles & Joyce Sibthorpe



Estella Rose was born on 15th December 2007 to Ben and Anne. So our Christmas and New Year began with a real living doll at the centre of our family festivities. The term "hands on" became a reality as Estella was caressed and comforted by all and sundry.

Daniel & Coralie



Jo & Ben



Campbell



Gillian



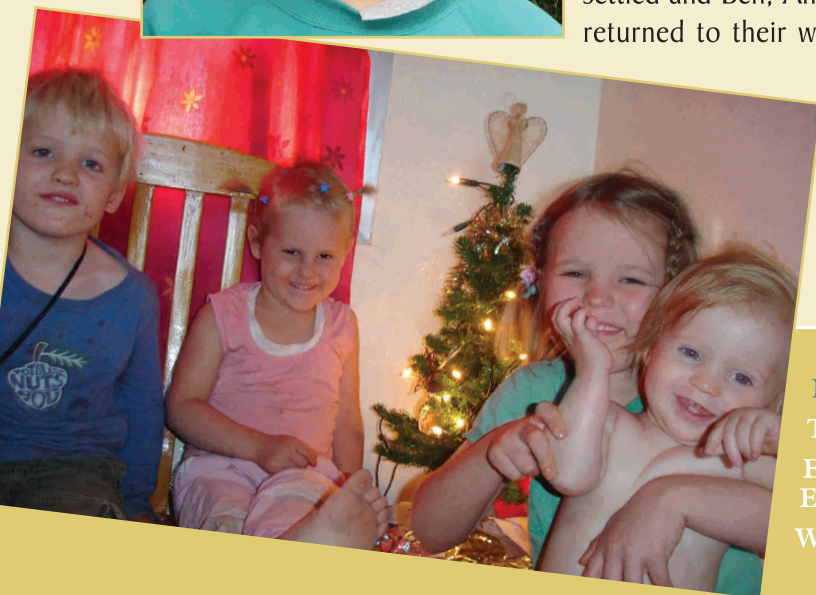
Ben, Anne, Alice (6), Jack (4) and Olivia (2) together with their new baby, were all packed and ready to return to Chad at the beginning of February when a political crisis left them stranded in UK. It just so happened that we were about to leave for 6 weeks in Central Asia, so as we moved out, they moved into Firbank to await developments.



Our return from Tajikistan coincided with Daniel and Tanya's departure for Burundi, and so we moved into their house to care for Campbell (15) and Ella (13). They hardly needed us, but we had great fun being with them. They were so well organised we felt somewhat superfluous. Well done, Tanya!

By mid April the crisis in Chad had settled and Ben, Anne and the family returned to their work with MAF in

Chad, and we got our house back. So empty, so quiet. There was a lot of travelling in late April, May and early June, so we were coming and going.



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