

News from Charles and Joyce 2016



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Encouraging Faith and Missionary Journeys

Towards the end of 2015 we received an invitation to go to Pakistan to encourage the believers. This was exciting and we felt that it was right to go, even though it is not a very 'safe' country. Two weeks before our departure the Lahore bombing happened and many wondered whether it was wise for us to proceed.



We believed it was right to continue with our plans and went. We had a great time meeting up with many groups of believers, and speaking at a Leader's Retreat up in the mountains where God moved powerfully. We never felt in any danger and saw God at work healing and transforming many lives.

In response to the 'Missionary Journeys' word Joyce was given we travelled to Sweden, to attend and participate in the wedding of Henrik and Debbie, who God brought together in a remarkable way. We then went to spend time with friends who we had known for more than 30 years and were able to fellowship and encourage them. This was a significant time as some of our friends were

experiencing great challenges and difficulties.

There was other ministry in local churches and Joyce spoke at a number of Day Conferences for Ladies. We also are involved with a lot of one on one ministry to folk who visit us or we them.

Later in the year we spent 8 weeks in Australia and New Zealand but apart from family were able to include visits to friends who we had been involved with for many years, including Mike and Julie Sinclair and their family who were with us at Kingdom Faith and later in the church in Clevedon. We also had time with Harry and Doreen Westcott who were our first speakers at Eagle Camp.

Our trip to Australia and New Zealand

In late September we headed out on an 8 week trip to OZ & NZ. We spent the first part with Ben, Anne and their 5 children based in Mareeba, where they work with MAF. We camped on the Queensland coast, swam at Emerald Falls and were able to celebrate Alice's and Olivia's birthdays, we enjoyed every minute. After spending some time with friends in NSW we headed out to NZ where we stayed with Charles' sister Carolyn and Phil and were able to connect with five nieces/nephews and their offspring. We spent our last week in Brisbane with Audrey & Bill. We calculated that there had been more than 50 folk who we had specifically gone to visit during this trip.



Time with Family

In January we spent a week in Bulgaria with Craig, Milena and Tegan, it was great family time and we were able to connect with some of their work amongst the Roma Gypsies. Craig comes to UK from time to time and is currently with us as he works as an engineer on a new water main from Bristol to Cheddar.

We have made a number of trips to Perranporth, Cornwall where Jo and Iain and their three children live. Iain applied for and has just been appointed a Senior Crown Prosecutor as his free lance lawyer work had not achieved its desired result. Molly has decided to take a year out and is working in a couple of fashions shops in Truro and proving to be a star sales lady.

Daniel continues to lead Living Waters Church, where we also are actively involved. Tanya needed to go urgently to Australia in November as her father was not well. Campbell has been doing some travelling and spent three months on the west coast of the States and Canada and also visited Hawaii. He was able to connect with a number of relatives which proved to be fun.

Every time we fly out from Heathrow or Gatwick we leave our car with Coralie and Jens in Guildford, which gives us a chance to catch up with the family. Jens was appointed Advisor for Church Planting and Fresh Expressions for the Diocese of Guildford in September, he was thrilled to get the job for which he is ideally suited and is thoroughly enjoying the challenge. Julian is also taking a year out and working in Sainsbury's.

We haven't given updates on all our grandchildren, but they are doing well and enjoying their studies and various jobs.

We also had visits during the year from Joyce's sister Audrey and her husband Bill in July and then Jeanne and Norm, cousins from California came to visit family in September.

We love the interaction we have with so many of you via FB, telephone calls and personal visits, and pray that the coming year will be full of joy and blessing.

With our love to you all *Charles and Joyce*

Word for the Week, Social Media and Books

Every week either one or other of us writes the Word for the Week, we like to keep it fresh and up to date, probably up to 2000 read it and we receive a lot of positive and encouraging feedback. We have a "Charles and Joyce" page on FaceBook and post things that have impacted us and we want to share more widely.

Faith Food, our daily devotional continues to be a blessing to many. We would love to sell more books, but the Christian Book trade is almost non existent. We sell a lot of our books when we travel and through our website. It was encouraging to recently post 100 Bible Plans to a bookshop up North.

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