



news from
CHARLES & JOYCE

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It has been a long time since you received a newsletter from us - here are some reasons. Last Autumn, when we were just about to write to you, we began to question the way we were connecting with people. We were writing lots of stuff, but were we really communicating in ways to reach the widest number of people? The response to our Word for the Week is tremendous and we receive a lot of positive feedback, however, what else should we do? We joined Facebook and Twitter, and opened a YouTube account! Joyce began making short testimony videos which were posted on Facebook and were promoted through a link on Word for the Week. We then commissioned a new website that is more interactive, so that folk can comment on the things we are saying.

So what is our overall purpose? What is our mandate from God? When writing a strap line for our Facebook Page we said that our aim was - *“Sharing of life, faith and encouragement for everyday living.”*

When I was given **“The 222 Trust”** as the name of our charitable trust, it was inspired by 2 Timothy 2:2 which says, *“And the things you heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others.”* That is part of our calling, to release others to live lives that are fruitful and effective in God’s kingdom.

In our communications we seek to share the challenges of day to day life and to stir your faith to have confidence that God is with you in every situation, and He has a way through and wants to act on your behalf.

So here is a printed newsletter, as we realise that not everyone is living on Facebook, or with the computer on continuously. We will tell you our news, stir your faith, challenge you, but we also want to stay in touch with our wider family and friends and keep you up to date with our own family, whom some of you have known since they were children.

The more than 150 cards, emails, phone calls and Facebook messages that Joyce received on her recent birthday has provided thrilling contact with folk who have been very special to us over many years and live all over the world.

In the new regime we will write to you twice a year, and we may even persuade some of you to enter the cyber world of the 21st Century!

