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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY!

As we write this newsletter a new year is starting. Who knows what it will hold? It doesn't seem long ago that we were all being warned about what would happen when the year 2000 started, with computer problems, hospital equipment failing etc, and here we are in 2009! We survived!!

For us 2008 has been a year of change. Due to health problems, we had to lay down our responsibility for leading the overseas missions work of Ground Level, the network of churches that we are part of. That was difficult, as we had grown to love the work and the people involved, many of whom have become personal friends with whom we remain in contact. We are glad to say that God has helped us deal with the disappointment and we are feeling very positive about things. At the Grapevine Celebration in August 2008 we were nicely embarrassed by Stuart and Irene Bell thanking us publicly on the Big Top stage for our work with missions. We remain fully involved in the work of Ground Level with Dave still being part of the team which leads the network of churches. Ground Level also blessed us with the money for a few days break, which we took in London, enabling us to see 'The Lion King' musical (fantastic!). Because we were nearby we managed to visit Dave's Auntie Maisie



(88) and Auntie Joan (82), along with cousin Joan. We shared some very special memories as well as enjoying lunch together. Auntie Joan insisted on paying, which was very nice. Thanks a lot both of you for being such special aunts who remind us how important family is. Still on the family front we enjoyed a day together on 1st January, with our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 22 of us in all, plus Nikki's boyfriend Brandyn from America, and Adam's girlfriend Kerry. We had a fun time together, including good food (of course) and giving and receiving presents. It's really good to have Ruth, Andy and Nikki back in the UK, as it means we see them more often. From so many photos taken on New Year's day, we have included just one, of our great-grandchildren, simply because they are so cute! Bradley (8), Marshall (6), Molly (5) and Ronnie (20 months). If you want to see more photos of the Playles at New Year, and have internet access, simply go to <http://www.new.facebook.com/album.php?aid=95385&l=3c594&id=532126787>

HOW ARE WE?

We really appreciate everybody who has kept in touch asking how we are in health. Recently we saw the cardiologist who began by outlining the procedure for inserting a stent into one of the arteries to help with the angina. After the customary details and warnings of the risks, she then asked 'But how have you been?', to which Dave was able to say that he had had no angina since the end of July and was feeling so much better. This is partly due to losing weight and also due to medication. The cardiologist's immediate reaction was that they would not go ahead with any procedure because there were no symptoms. So this is good news.

Rosemary needs to lose some more weight before they will carry out knee replacement surgery. It has been somewhat frustrating that Rosemary is not losing weight as fast as Dave, even though she is much stricter. We are grateful to have the disabled badge for the car, which does help with parking nearer to shops etc, but we would be delighted not to need it!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING? WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

Since we last wrote we have been to Romania! We had not been for 20 months and we never left it that long even before the revolution of December 1989. We were there for just 9 days, including the Worship Academy 4th-7th December. 40 students attended this second weekend of the 2 year course and Dave taught on what it means to be a disciple. He also preached in Biserica Buna Vestire (Good News Church) in Constanta. We stayed with our friends Traian and Elena Pascalau, but did not have the usual busy schedule that often

comprises one of these visits, so we were able to relax and spend time with Traian and Elena and their children Iudita and Cristian. Dave actually beat Cristian at bowling on the Wii, which really encouraged him, even if it did make his arm ache afterwards. The photo is from Heart to Heart, the programme for older people, run by Traian and Elena. You can see more



photos of the trip on <http://www.new.facebook.com/album.php?aid=90732&l=c3c63&id=532126787>

Because the doctors have said that we should be free to travel to EEC countries, we had already made a decision that we will be ready to do so, but only in response to a specific invitation from our contacts in these countries. Previously a lot of the initiative for our overseas visits has come from us as people have asked us to come whenever we are available, as they have looked to us for guidance on such things as training programmes etc. We will now leave the initiative with them.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE UK

Being 'grounded' has its benefits and we have enjoyed visiting UK churches to preach and sometimes to help with leadership development. It was good to be in Wickford Christian Centre again for a few days, preaching and teaching, but also getting to visit our friend Eddie King, now living in Walton on the Naze. Eddie and his wife Iris were great friends to us when we first became Christians over 42 years ago in East Ham and we owe them so much. Sadly, Iris died 9 years ago, but our time with Eddie was as if we had seen him only the day before, instead of the gap of several years.

ARBOURTHORNE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Since acquiring the building in June last year things have moved on at a pace. We have launched a luncheon club which has been very well received by older people in the area (some of them are younger than the two of us), and we are happy to help Steve and Ruth Spink who run this one day a week for the church. The youth work is busy with Andrew and Claire Keel doing a great job and Alistair Beattie is enjoying the fact that he has a nice office from which to oversee everything as the church grows in strength and influence in the area. We thought you might like to see a photo of Alistair & Caroline's three children, Joe (6), Mattie (4) and Ella (1), taken just before Christmas. This year promises to be an exciting year for our church, so please pray for Alistair and Caroline as they lead us.



OUR DIARY

We look forward to what this year holds for us. Our house has not sold so far, therefore our plans to move back to the Manchester side of the Pennines are 'on hold'. Below are the dates we have at the moment.

Do please pray for us and keep in touch with any needs you would like us to pray about. God bless you and thanks for taking time to read our news. A big 'THANK YOU' to all those who support us financially each month. Without you we would not be able to what we do.

JANUARY

SUN 4th Horncastle Christian Fellowship

Tue 6th Ground Level Leaders

SUN 11th Arbourthorne Community Church

SUN 18th New Life Church Tameside

Fri 23rd-Tue 27th Portugal, celebrating Dave's brother John's 65th birthday

FEBRUARY

SUN 1st Stockport Centre Church

SUN 8th Alford Community Church

Tue 10th Ground Level Leaders

SUN 15th Sharon Church Moston

Fri 20th-Mon 23rd London, including Elaine Page & Michael James' wedding, Feltham

Wed 25th Ground Level Team Day

Thur 26th Ground Level Key Leaders

MARCH

SUN 1st Oasis Church Feltham

Wed 4th-Mon 9th Emmanuel Church Lee

Tue 10th Ground Level leaders

Sat 14th Bethany Church Gatley Leaders

SUN 15th Bethany Church Gatley

Fri 20th-Sat 21st Worship Academy UK

SUN 22nd Riverside Church Southwell

Fri 27th-Sun 29th Connections Weekend Grimsby

Mon 30th-Fri 3rd April Ground Level Leaders Conference Swanwick

APRIL

Sat 4th Worship Academy UK Reunion

Wed 22nd-Tue 5th May Romania, including Teo Ene and Anna-Marie Plavitu's wedding, Constanta

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