

NEWS from the FREWS

January 2017

I love writing our news in the New Year after enjoying news from so many of you. Christmas was very special this year - "Immanuel" God with us. As a family we enjoyed a Zambian meal of chicken, cornmeal mush(nshima), and cabbage! We had the added excitement of snow and below freezing temps for almost a month. Sparkling snow with coloured lights, so beautiful! Yesterday walking around frozen Mill Lake we watched all the fun on the ice: skaters, hockey games, ducks dogs and children sliding around and even a group with folding chairs around a fire roasting wieners 'on' the middle of the lake! A first for us! It has been cold and slippery for driving and walking.

2016 has been an amazing year:

*Our Wednesday night community group grew too large so we now have two groups and Keith is leading one.

*God faithfully answered some urgent prayer requests, eg. a successful job hunt; a re-entry visa for UK; family sent to Egypt in missions. We keep praying that God's part will be recognized and honoured in all of these situations.

*Within a six week period 4 of our older SIM missionaries passed into their eternal home. My good friend Nina, was one. She had severe dementia and I visited her weekly and helped her and the family often. Her passing was sudden. We see husband Dick regularly.

*Within a month our dear sister-in-law in S Africa, Lorna Frew, joined her husband Basil in God's presence. I miss her very much. She was a kindred spirit. Heaven continues to beckon with so many loved ones awaiting us.

*More and more folk our age and older need encouraging visits at home, in rehab, or in hospital. Some are SIM'ers and others from our church Immanuel and our complex here.

Family:

* Our trip to Australia to grandsons Nathan and Sue's wedding, and Danny and Leandre's engagement party. Very special because Nadine, Mark and Debbie, were with us. A grand family re-union. All four Australian grandsons are married now. We stayed in Paul and Renee's new house, not yet completed but with an amazing view.

Renee works in a dentist's office and then two days a week as Chaplain in a care home. She loves the chaplaincy and to keep her position has to work on her Master's degree. This is a huge challenge to add to her already busy life. She loves being Gandma to four darling grandchildren whom we get to enjoy on face book. The denomination is pressuring Paul to complete his Master's, not easy for him as a busy lead pastor plus a heavy involvement in missions in Africa.

*Nadine had an amazing four months in Scotland, England, Ireland and Spain with her organization, YWAM. God continues to use her spiritual maturity and sensitivity to challenge and encourage. She ministered with a team to encourage seasoned missionaries working in limited access countries.

*Mark and Debbie enjoy their church in North Langley. They have the gift of helps. Debbie works part time at BCAA and Mark is still involved with bridges. Jon (23) has his undergraduate degree and will pass into a PhD program if he keeps his marks up. He works in a lab researching Alzheimers. Jason (21) is an apprentice in heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration. Sheldon (17) in Gr 12.

Ministry:

*Keith is part of Immanuel's Missions Team planning a mini one day conference Jan 22 focusing on the ministries of Immanuel's members. Praying for a new interest and awareness.

*Next week we are involved with local colleges leading up to Mission Fest Vancouver. About 30,000 attend.

*Busy days - we so appreciate your prayer support and feel very dependent on your involvement.

*We plan to be in Ontario from March 8 - April 5 to connect with supporting churches and individuals. We're looking forward to seeing many of you there. Let us know if you would like to connect with us.

Workers together for the Kingdom,

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