

Christmas 2009



Dear Friends,

It is that time of year when we make a special effort to greet you, to thank you most sincerely for all



your prayers throughout the year, and to tell you how much you mean to us. The photographs may help to illustrate how we are as they were taken on 15th December – Ken's 50th anniversary of his 21st birthday! We went up "our" mountain, Slieve Bignian, to celebrate with a picnic on the top.

It is also time to change the calendar again and we will begin the year 2010. We shall call it that because there was an astonishing event which caused profound divisions. It divided the calendar. There is BC (Before Christ) and AD (The Year of Our Lord). That event was nothing less than the arrival on Earth of the God of the universe.

It was not only time that He divided though. All of mankind was divided into two camps- the Herods and the Marys!

2009 was one more year in which we had the privilege and delight of working together with our living Lord Jesus in the transformation that He continues to perform in the hearts of people around the globe. Our work took us to The Arab Emirates, England, Canada, USA, Norway, Germany, Sweden, New Zealand and Denmark, all interspersed with some good opportunities to share His life with people here in Ireland.

In addition to all this Ken invested nine weeks and Eva twelve weeks in an undisclosed location. Because of potential danger to ourselves or to those whom we seek to help we are advised not to use its name. We are establishing some promising friendships, making some attempts to learn the language and have had some connection with churches that will probably provide preaching opportunities in the future.

The time at home has been well occupied with preaching nearly every weekend and occasionally midweek. We have also had a number of people staying with us and anticipate several more in the next three weeks.

Ken has now visited Denmark every year for the past 30 years. While there have always been encouragements along the way and indications that God has owned and blessed the work, it has always seemed an uphill struggle. This year for the first time there was a feeling of spring at the end of a long winter. Not exactly revival but hints that the long spiritual winter is beginning to lose its grip on the country.

Eva's year was with Ken for most of the first half and then travel fatigue set in so she chose to be home for most of the summer, facilitating Quiet Days in our home and meeting one to one with several people to accompany them on their Spiritual journey – very rewarding.



In January after introducing Listening Prayer at a women's conference in British Columbia she was able to spend time with Paul and family, enjoying taking each member of the family out for lunch one at a time for the five days. It was good to spend time with them alone. Paul took her hiking and then to a diner for lunch.

In October there was the joy of having Jo to herself for five days – the first mother/daughter time for a very long time – special days.



And a couple of times this autumn she has been able to meet up briefly with Andrew as his work brought him to Ireland – always good to see him.

All our grandchildren seem to be thriving – we pray for them as they grow up into a very different world from the one we knew. And we also pray for the newest member – our step great grandson, Jaydon, born in September, son of Bub and Caley.

Caley.

Back to the divisions that Jesus brings. God only sees two kinds of people; those who belong to Him through their commitment to Jesus and those who belong to Him through creation but who have so far chosen to be against Him rather than for Him.

We have Christmas because Mary chose to bring Jesus into the world. Herod by contrast tried to take Him out! Jesus is seeking access to every part of His world and it is your privilege and mine to be His relay stations. This fact alone tells me that whatever happens to this small planet and whatever happens to the economy, it is going to be a great year!

Pray with us through 2010 - an itinerary is included for your information.

Sharing with you in the life and love of Jesus

Ken & Eva

Ken and Eva Needham.

KEN NEEDHAM'S ITINERARY – 2010

January

1-19	Various locations		Ireland
20-23	Manchester		England
24-30	Capernwray Hall		England
31	Portland	Oregon	USA

February

1-5	Cannon Beach	Oregon	
6-7	Aurora	Oregon	
8-12	Buckley	Washington	
13-16	Lincoln	California	
17-26	Kailua	Hawaii	
27-28	Kauai	Hawaii	

March

1-4	Kailua	Hawaii	
5-11	Redwood City	California	
12-15	Birmingham	Alabama	
16-31	Home		Ireland

April

1-30	Moscland		
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May

1-10	Moscland		
11-15	Home		Ireland
15	Lough Derg		Ireland
18-25	Oberammergau Passion Play		Germany
26-31	Home		Ireland