

Needham News

July 2005

Hello friends

It is July already... I am tempted to go and look for the first half of this year, but it is already gone!

The early part of January Eva was busy with Quiet Days in our home area, and Ken had good opportunities to preach in the Belfast and more locally too.

The latter part of January was the start of another ministry tour that would take us round the world again. The first part was a good opportunity in greater Portland, (Oregon), where a number of small Baptist churches combined to sponsor a week of Bible conference. Two of these in particular were very pleased with the degree of interest shown by their members, and there was much in the way of positive feedback.

The Bible school at Cannon Beach continues to thrive. This year there were 127 enthusiastic students drinking in the teaching. Calvary Baptist Church, Gibson's Landing, British Columbia, (BC) Canada, opened its doors for their very first conference, and were delighted with the results. It was here that Ken heard an amazing story that began with his visit to Sardis, BC, about twenty years ago. God started a remarkable work that day, which is continuing in Canada and Peru, plus a few other places. A couple were challenged to give up their farm in BC and went eventually as missionaries to Peru. There, God gave them another farm which included a vintage tractor just like the one they gave up on the original farm. Occasionally we need this kind of encouragement, but often we press on in faith without the chance to see the wonderful things God is doing.

Further conferences were held in Alabama Wisconsin and Hawaii, all with good indications that the Word of God was finding its mark. As I get to the age when most of my contemporaries have retired, it was heartening to hear from three churches I have visited often, that the teaching is more vibrant and effective than ever before.

We landed in Hawaii at 5.30 pm on Thursday, and the first meeting was at 7.00 pm that same night...two one hour sessions with a 15 minute coffee break in between. The last session finished 8.30 pm on Monday evening and we were on the plane to New Zealand at 11.00 pm that night. Hawaiians are usually much more laid back than this, but that is the programme the church put together.

Lake Taupo Easter Convention was another outstanding experience in our New Zealand ministry, and a brief visit to Capernwray New Zealand confirms that the work there is still flourishing. We even had two wonderful days of holiday on the Coromandel Peninsula courtesy of the Capernwray director.

Eva went home from New Zealand, to be involved with Quiet Days, overseas visitors and mentoring with individuals while Ken continued to Thailand and Abu Dhabi. The first of these was something of a disappointment in that there was very little ministry organised. Abu Dhabi was a successful experiment in making connections...additional information available only on personal request.

A return visit to Coniston, England proved to be very enjoyable, and it was good to see growing interest following a visit last year. This included a surprise opportunity to conduct a wedding for a young American couple at one of the most spectacular homes in Britain.

Following a "flat" few days I found myself brought back again to that great place for new starts...The Cross. It is so easy to begin to think in terms of one's "rights" the way the western world thinks. This happens first in the subconscious, but soon begins to translate into intentional behaviour. Jesus reminds us that The Cross is a daily necessity if we want to go with Him and this means forgoing all our so-called rights. In Paul's words: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world".

July 8th sees us starting another journey to bring messages of life and encouragement, challenge and hope to people across the seas. Please continue to support us with your prayers. If you think we could be of help in your local community, get in touch either by e-mail or snail mail.

Thank you for your interest and for all your help in getting us this far.

In the life and love of Jesus,

Ken & Eva Needham

KEN'S ITINERARY July – December 2005

July

9 & 10	Sacramento	California	USA
11-15	Auburn	California	USA
16-29	Buckley	Washington	USA
30 & 31	Gibson's Landing	British Columbia	Canada

Aug

1-5	Barnabas Landing	British Columbia	Canada
6-9	Vancouver	British Columbia	Canada

September

2-5	Twin Rocks	Oregon	USA
5-9	Vancouver	Washington	USA
10-17	Northeast	Maryland	USA
17-21	Winnipeg	Manitoba	Canada
23-Oct 9	Copenhagen		Denmark

October

15-21	St Louis	Missouri	USA
22-29	Ravenna	Ohio	USA
29-Nov 4	Wasilla	Alaska	USA

November

4-11	Tracy	California	USA
11-18	Ripon	California	USA
19-26	Nappanee	Indiana	USA
26-Dec 3	Portland	Oregon	USA

December

3-10	Fort Myers	Florida	USA
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