

Needham News

Ken & Eva Needham
New Year 2009



Dear Friends

Dr Fred Tatford wrote a book with the exciting title "The Climax of the Ages". He is referring of course to the time when our Lord Jesus will make His second visit to Earth...not this time as the humble babe of Bethlehem but as The King of Kings and The Judge of all the Earth.

While it would be a mistake to predict the future of the world by the events in one's own life or even by events in the USA or the UK, Israel is once again the focus of world attention and there is a sense that history (His Story) is accelerating. At least we know that if His second coming is not this year it is more than 2,000 years nearer than when He made the promise. So maybe...this year in the New Jerusalem!

For many of you dear ones reading this 2008 was a devastating year...you are in our thoughts and prayers. For ourselves, we can only say that it was another year of proving His faithfulness and we have been greatly blessed.

We made three preaching tours to North America. Sometimes to places often visited in years past like Northeast, Maryland, Murfreesboro, Tennessee and the Portland area. Others were made to places that were new to us notably, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Beaverton, Ontario, and Columbia South Carolina. In each place there was a buzz of excitement at the start of the meetings and a profound silence as The Word was applied by the Spirit to listening hearts.

Three visits were made to a Muslim country. Because of the vulnerable situation of the few Christians in this country we are not disclosing any details in this unsecured format. We will happily answer personal enquiries. The work is very low key and we are mostly just establishing connections so far.

Denmark has been an enjoyable and productive field for more than 20 years but this year the work took a jump forward. A number of new connections led to a very busy three weeks. A large church decided to hold a Bible school for one week. I had two sessions every morning and two more every evening. The attendance increased daily and surpassed everyone's expectations.

EVA was able to travel with Ken for most of this year, fitting in Quiet days and mentoring around the times away. The family reunion in October was a highlight for her (see below) although sad that Andrew and Jane and her children were not able to be there.



Just to prove we are not yet past it we went up our local mountain, Slieve Bignian, on the first Saturday in the New Year with some students who were visiting from the Torchbearer Bible School in Sweden, a Canadian girl and the son of a former student from the USA.

JO & STEVE moved to Manchester in the summer. Steve is pastor of a larger church and Jo's business continues to thrive. The girls are adjusting fairly well to a new home, new friends and new schools.

PAUL & LEEANNE are still in Washington State. Paul is a casualty of the economic downturn and is applying for work in a shrinking and competitive market. LEEANNE home schools their three children. They would appreciate your prayers.

ANDREW and JANE both have responsible jobs which involve a lot of travelling but we are glad they have them in this current economic climate. Jane's three children, Andrew, Tom and Mia, still live with them.

ROS, CALEY and CONNOR live in the London area. They came for an enjoyable but all too short visit in October. We took them back to England for a major event...

EVA & KEN both turned 70 at the end of the year. Together with a further seventeen family members we had an enjoyable day out at Sudbury Hall, a National Trust property, followed by an evening with Jo and Paul and extended family. Some of the grandchildren were meeting each other for the first time and it was good to have them all together.



Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer. The Lord answered beyond reasonable expectations. Ministry in Ireland has also been encouraging. Ken has been asked to repeat a message preached at a Baptist church in Belfast at a Roman Catholic retreat centre on the opposite side of the country.

The New Year should see us making three further trips to North America, plus extended visits to New Zealand, Denmark and Malaysia. Ken will also be lecturing at the Torchbearer Bible schools in England, Sweden, Germany and at three campuses in New Zealand. His travels start with a men's conference in Abu Dhabi and we will also be spending approx 8 weeks in the aforementioned Muslim country.

We expect to see Jesus at work. Man's world may be filled with the sounds of war, hatred and despair but the gentle ministry of Jesus is far more powerful and will last for eternity. "He will not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking wick."

May you be abundantly blessed throughout 2009

In the life and Love of Jesus

Ken and Eva Needham

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| 11-18 | <i>Eva in Vancouver BC area</i> | | Canada |
| 13-19 | Ken in Abu Dhabi | UAE | |
| 19-23 | <i>Eva in Portland OR</i> | USA | |
| 24-30 | <i>Eva in Buckley WA with family</i> | USA | |
| 19-30 | Ken in Manchester and Capernwray Bible School | | England |
| February 1-7 | Together again in Cannon Beach OR | USA | |
| 8-13 | Portland OR | USA | |
| 14-28 | Hawaii | USA | |
| March 3-31 | Torchbearer Bible School and other locations | | New Zealand |