

# Needham News

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Dear Friends

It's time to bring you up to date again, which means that another twelve weeks have passed, throughout which the absolute faithfulness of The Almighty has never varied. Only eternity will reveal all that has been accomplished, and how much of this has been in response to your faithful prayers.

Eight days over the Easter period were spent at an evangelical Anglican church in Belfast. The numbers were very encouraging as was the responsiveness of the congregation. One interesting result is that Ken has been asked to support the pastor in a dialogue with the local freemasons who want to use the church for one of their own events. This is due to take place on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray.

We have made two visits to Turkey this year and are planning another one in September. We are confident that Jesus has a lot for us to do there. It will involve retreats (mostly for Eva) and locating and ministering to isolated Christians and small groups of believers in different parts of the country. If you know of any such, please send us the relevant information but please be wise about their security. More information is available on request.

One highlight of our time in Spain was the chance to bring the Sunday morning message to a small group of believers in Madrid.

Believers' Chapel, (Tennessee, USA) gave us their usual wonderful welcome. For almost thirty years they have been providing office facilities for us in America. There has been steady growth there for all of that period, and despite their relatively new large building, they need to have two services on Sunday mornings. In addition to these, Ken also spoke to a group of workers who spent their lunchtimes eating packed lunches in the church hall while Ken opened the Scriptures for forty-five minutes after which they hurried back to their factory or office.

We had visited Nappanee, Indiana several times before, but this was our first time preaching in the Missionary Church. We were made to feel completely at home with the people there, who paid close attention to the message we were given. The rest of the week was spent at gatherings in different venues with a number of old and well-loved friends.

It was a special treat to be the guest of Mount Lebanon Baptist church in Virginia. Our three days there included Sunday services and the wedding of Seth Plaster, a twenty-eight year old master carpenter whom I have known since he was five! He has shown remarkably good sense in the choice of his bride Shelley.

One of the most picturesque towns in England is Coniston in the Lake District. Three churches there combined to put on a Bible conference. The attendance was disappointing, but there has been a lot of demand for the video tapes of the various talks.

We had a wonderful surprise in Tallin, Estonia. I only knew it as a communist town that was amongst the most spiritually barren places on earth. There was a large and vigorous evangelical church there. They are in the middle of an Alpha Course, and have enthusiastic worship for all ages.

We have the blessing of an unexpected time at home just now as the Canadian conferences in Fair Havens and Cannington are happening next year, when I had them scheduled for this year. This made it possible for me to speak in our home church last Sunday. God really moved, and in particular three members of the choir received significant help.

We have also postponed a visit to South Africa until next year to make space for a further visit to Turkey in late September.

Eva continues to mentor a few people and quiet days are ongoing. Several groups are now making a day of quiet together part of their annual programme. She will not be with Ken on the next two trips, mainly because airline fares have increased so dramatically but also because she has travelled a lot this year and feels the need of some time at home to catch up.

One special event to come at the end of October is a family reunion. The last time we were all together was in 1991 and several of the grandchildren have never met each other. Joanna, our daughter, has organised a family get together at a stately home in England where there is a museum of childhood which might be of interest to the children - or even the adults - and space to spend time together over lunch.

Jesus had a very mixed reception when he ministered on earth. The Pharisees were jealous of Him and hated Him, the Sadducees rejected his theology, the politicians felt threatened by Him and the scholars were baffled by Him. His family just thought He was insane, but His Father was delighted with everything He did. Today I am asking myself whether my priorities match His, or whether I am more concerned with pleasing people. He was one hundred percent successful in satisfying the Father (I do always those things that please Him) but what is my score?

“This is the work of God...that you believe in Jesus; John 6:28-29, that is that you continuously depend upon Jesus for all resources for life.

As we continue with the ministry we are called to, please keep on praying for us.

In the life and love of Jesus



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### ITINERARY - AUTUMN 2008

JULY	26-31	Etna	CA	USA
AUG	1-2	Etna	CA	USA
	2-8	Cool	CA	USA
	10-12	Redwood City	CA	USA
	14-31	Various locations		Northern Ireland
SEP	5-16	Various locations		England
	17-30	Home		Northern Ireland and Turkey
OCT	3-20	Copenhagen		Denmark
	21-29	Home		Northern Ireland
	30-31	Family reunion		England
NOV	1-8	Albuquerque	NM	USA
	8-15	Ripon	CA	USA
	15-22	Fredericksburg	TX	USA
	22-29	Lexington	SC	USA
DEC	1-8	Naples	FLA	USA
	10-31	Home		Northern Ireland