

Ken and Elizabeth's Newsletter for 2007

Family movements

Chris and Brooke, Laura and Lily

In January they rented out their Nowra home and moved in with us. In mid March Chris left to take up a position looking after the IT at Cayman Free Press on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. In May Brooke and the girls joined him. They have had a very interesting time there so far. You can read more about their adventure on their web log:
<http://blog.chris.ky/>

Peter and Virginia, Ethan and Elliot

Peter continues as Head Teacher at Coolah Central School, currently relieving as Deputy Principal. Virginia works half-time nursing in the town hospital. Ethan is a very keen and quite expert soccer player and starts school next year. Elliot is a part-time pre-schooler.

Simeon and Kelly, Charlotte

Kelly works part-time as a supervising lawyer with the ABC, taking Charlotte to the day care at work a couple of days a week. Simeon continues with Telstra/BigPond. Their Annandale home is very convenient to work for them both. Charlotte (at 20 months) brings a lot of pleasure and, is showing incredible skills.

Anna and Andrew, Joshua, Elisha, Jacob and Zachary

Their home in Paynesville, Victoria, is proving very comfortable and roomy for them. Andrew works as IT manager with East Gippsland Water and was nominated to do a leadership training course this year. Anna has done some teaching and is now a registered teacher. Joshua starts secondary school next year; Elisha and Jacob are enjoying primary school, Zachary will look into pre-school next year.

Our travels

During the year we have added considerably to the odometer of our vehicles. We have made multiple trips to Wagga to visit Ken's parents and brother, to Coolah and to Paynesville to visit and baby-sit (all over 1,000 km return) with much shorter trips to Sydney to visit little Charlotte and Elizabeth's mother, Granny D.

Granny D is increasingly frail and, at 93, is cared for in a nursing home in Penshurst.

During one of our visits to Coolah Peter flew to Japan gathering information about radio controlled model cars for the Racing Lines magazine he writes for; on another Virginia went to Dubbo for a course in Remote Nursing.

We also travelled from Coolah to Inverell and spent a couple of days with Evan Lackey, Ken's neighbour in Oatley when he was growing up. This was a reunion after over 40 years. From there we went to Brisbane, Buderim and Maryborough to see Elizabeth's nieces and sister, then on to Lismore to visit Bill and Bron Gray. Bron is a nursing friend of over 45 years.

The really big trip began on May 1st. We flew with Lily to Los Angeles then to Miami and Cayman Island. Brooke and Laura followed 10 days later (having been delayed by a necessary operation for Laura) and we spent three weeks with them.

Leaving Cayman we flew to Spain and enjoyed an extremely interesting two-week coach trip around that country.

This was followed by 10 days in the UK. Four of these we spent having a wonderful catch-up with friends in Liskeard, Cornwall, where we had lived for the year in 1983. It was such a pleasure to spend some time with the Maslens and the Salisburys and others there. We then went to London and spent several wonderful days with Elizabeth's Bridesmaid of 40 years ago, Lorraine (Angelo) Fox and Nigel.

The real luxury followed as a river cruise down the Rhine, Mainz and Danube from Amsterdam to Budapest. If you have time for the details look up <http://www.poweringon.com/gallery/index.php?cat=58>.

Significant events

In January we celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary with 100 guests at the Coolangatta Estate across the road. It was a wonderful night with our friends and family with special contributions by our children.

The first SECET Summer Seminar for Scripture Teachers was at the end of January. We both still work to support this remarkable organisation (see <http://www.secet.org.au/>). Ken maintains the website (and others) and produces the Newsletter quarterly. He also plays the piano fortnightly at our local church (where Elizabeth is now a Warden) and a programme on local community radio.

Elizabeth left her permanent part-time position nursing at Shoalhaven hospital in mid August. In September we had a wonderful reunion in Canberra with people we had got to know so well when we lived there in the early 1970s. It was so good to catch up with them, especially Spencer Colliver, John and Laurel Brummel, Ken and Lorraine Loughton. Ken and Lorraine's work with Transform Cambodia really thrilled us – see <http://www.transformcambodia.com/>.

In November Ken's mother became seriously ill and was diagnosed with cancer. It was such a wonderful thing that she was able to attend a lunch which had been organised to celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary with 40 guests.

Sadly, ten days later she passed away aged 92 and her funeral was held in Wagga Wagga. Ken's father has now returned to his apartment in Wagga Wagga following his 96th birthday.

Jesus said,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God; trust also in me.



I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:1-6

Christmas - our reminder of the birth and purpose of Jesus.

We wish you all the joy and peace which this reminder should bring.

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