

KEN AND EVA NEEDHAM NEWS

SPRING 2018 - THE YEAR SO FAR.



"You (*) are my strength when I am weak,
You(*) are the treasure that I seek
...where *Jesus Christ

The songwriter captures the idea of 2 Corinthians ch.12 : 8-10 in which Paul tells us that he is excited about his own weakness because that is an opportunity to experience, enjoy and demonstrate the power and faithfulness of the Almighty.

Eva and I can relate to that. We both turn 80 before Christmas 2018 and Eva has just had a nose job which was not for cosmetic reasons! She had a small cancer removed and a skin graft applied which is healing well. Also we have recently learned that she has very brittle bones, contributing to four fractures of vertebrae. Yesterday she received new X-rays, a full diagnosis and a spinal brace which is allowing her more freedom of movement with less pain. Tomorrow we will fly to Ukraine to begin a week of ministry in the city of Odessa. I have ordered a wheelchair from the airline to get her through the airports.

JANUARY

The year began with 14 days at home including ministry in the local churches. We were anticipating another week at home before beginning a 13 week teaching and preaching tour when I had an urgent email asking me to go to Germany to lecture in a Bible School there for 5 days. The week at home became 12 hours and the thirteen week tour became 14 weeks.

After 15 hours of lectures with 110 international students plus a few staff and local visitors (a very happy and deeply-spiritual experience), I was a guest at a lively church in Doncaster, England. It was my first visit to this city and proved to be a very enjoyable time during which I was able to inject a small contribution to the ongoing work of God there.

From Doncaster to Manchester where our son in law is the vicar (pastor) provided another opportunity to share the Word of God and to fellowship with His people.

Eva travelled alone from home to Manchester and on the journey did further damage to her back which had been injured in a fall in November.

February/March - U.S.A.

Eleven weeks in this great country with a full schedule of varied openings in 14 cities and 6 states from Maryland on the East Coast to the Hawaiian Islands in the west. Great friends had arranged meetings in churches (eleven different denominations), a middle school, a high school a Bible College and in private homes. In every place we were able to share the riches of God's Word and to experience the wonder of His presence among us. Truly His strength is shown up in our weakness! The last event was a wedding in Atlanta, Georgia. Eva suffered further damage to her back the day before this wedding while towelling down in the shower before the journey to Atlanta. The wedding was a most joyful event. The bridegroom is the son of our pastor at home. He invited me to become his mentor when he was 16. Now at 25 he has a good law degree and is a fine young man accompanied by a lovely wife who seems to be ideally suited to him in every

way. They begin their married life in Northern Ireland and it is sure to be a story that will bring great adventures and have significant impact in their world.



THANKS

Primarily thanks to God but also you who pray for us (a most vital ministry) and who support in other ways.

CONCERN

Travelling through the world we see fragmentation, division and deterioration. We watch people building up false hopes in entities that can never deliver what is needed. In Britain the conversation is "To Brexit or not to Brexit" In USA "In Donald we trust" or "Our only hope is to dump Trump" . In much of Europe and the Far East the hope was in Communism which is now not an ism but a wasm! In its place is the hope of Capitalism, but there is no capital and little initiative. This is the legacy of Communism, but without capital, capitalism doesn't produce much! In Ireland the hope is "Freedom from Britain" or "Loyalty to Britain and Freedom from Ireland!" In much of the world the hope is in Islam but which variety? Extremist or "peaceful"? The message of the extremist variety is unthinkable. Peaceful Islam is not really Islam.

REAL HOPE

All the above ignore the ONLY one who can satisfy the human heart. Jesus is the creator and sustainer of the universe. He proves His ability by controlling every galaxy, star, planet, atom and sub-atomic particle.

He proves His victory by rising from the grave.

He proves His motive is the purest love by dying for His enemies through the graphic and horrific agonies of the Cross.

What are His instructions ? "Seek first (time and priority) the Kingdom of God" where the King is the King of Kings (and presidents and Shaha and emperors) and this King of Kings is the Good Shepherd Who gave His life for the sheep.

FUTURE

Ukraine	April 27 to May 4th.
Turkey	May 5 -31st
Blockley (England	June 1- 4
Home (Ireland)	June 5-August 31'

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Thank you for your prayers, please continue. Also please ask if you would like any clarification or expansion. We would love to hear from you too!

In the Life and Love of Jesus

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