



Snippets #23

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*And they sang a new song, saying:*

*“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

*You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”*

*Revelation 5:9-10*

## Dear friends,

Life has been very busy lately, and this letter is long overdue. Also overdue is a visit to the UK which is fast approaching. Sorry for not telling you sooner! **The plan so far is outlined below.** We need your help to fill the gaps.

But first we can't ignore what is happening in the world. The book of Revelation and the words of the Psalms are being played out before us! It talks of wars, famine, persecution, and the coming of the 'Lamb who was slain' to bring forgiveness, mercy and grace. How relevant that is for today! We've watched in sadness and disbelief as war has broken out in Europe, causing devastation, displacement, and death. We've seen reports of thousands of women, children, the elderly fleeing from Ukraine in freezing temperatures to safety. Homes, schools, hospitals destroyed, many killed or injured. Husbands, sons and fathers stay to fight, mostly civilians armed for war. Already over a million people have fled from Ukraine into neighbouring countries, not knowing if they will return or have homes to go back to.

In Australia the Eastern Seaboard has been hit by huge amounts of rain causing devastation, floods and destruction. The world is in a mess. But God! This is His world and he is in control.

*As Psalm 46: 9-10 says:*

*He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.*

*He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

## On a lighter note..

Tim's turned 61 at the weekend, mowed the lawns early as the thermometer rose to 31 degrees later that day and then went for a yearly check-up with his oncologist. Thanks be to God Tim remains cancer free, 4 years after a tiny skin cancer disrupted our lives. We celebrated with lunch (in a Malaysian restaurant) and a shopping trip to look for a dress for a wedding. The lunch was yummy and a dress was found.

**The wedding is in Oxford, England on Easter Monday, and will be the starting point of a 10 week visit to the UK, with meetings around the country.** It's very exciting and a little daunting to be planning a speaking tour three years after our last visit.

Most church meetings are already booked. But we would love the opportunity to do more: to visit home groups, youth groups, prayer meetings or make individual visits to share God's heart for the lost and isolated who have no way to hear about Him. **That's why HFA exists. To find technology to help our partners reach some of the most isolated peoples in the most difficult places, and bring the Good News of Jesus to them.**

## The UK 2022 programme so far:

LOCATION	MEETINGS already arranged
15 April Arrive UK	
15-19 April Grove	
18 April Wedding in Oxford	
19 April-2 May Bideford	21 April Bideford Baptist PM
	24 April Westward Ho! 11.00am
	26 April Bratton Fleming PM
	28 April Westward Ho! Online Prayer Meeting
	1 May Abbotsham Chapel 10.30am
	North Curry Chapel 1.30pm

LOCATION		MEETINGS already arranged	
2-4 May	Poole		
4-7 May	Southampton	7 May	Lunch Zimbabwe Diaspora
7-9 May	Cheltenham	8 May	Emmanuel, Cheltenham?
9-15 May	Wolverhampton	11 May	St Judes 7.30pm
		15 May	Holy Trinity, Old Hill
15-23 May	Liverpool	16 May	Life Church, Neston 7.00pm
		17 May	West Kirby
		21 May	All Saints, Liverpool?
		22 May	St Lukes, Eccleston
23-28 May	Lake District		(Holiday)
28-31 May	Melrose	29 May	Melrose??
1-5 June	Corby		
5-11 June	Germany	5-8 June	Hamburg (Family)
		8-11 June	Grebenstein (Work Colleagues)
12-14 June	Corby	12 June	St Columba's Corby
14-17 June	Eastbourne?		
17-19 June	London E.	18 June	Canvey Island Baptist
20-22 June	London S.?		
23 June	Return to Oz		

**Please help us** to fill in the spaces, and let others who might be interested know that we are in your area. Would your church or small group like us to visit when we are nearby? Please contact us by email.

## HFA News

Despite being in the arguably most locked down city in the world, work has continued in the workshop and also around the globe and great progress has been made:

- In S. America, more than 1000 workers have come forward willing to take the Gospel into the jungles. There are so many areas at yet unreached and unreachable.
- In Asia, more Bibles were delivered than was thought possible. Covid even helped in some places, as new ways were found.
- The water drone construction is now complete. The final parts arrived from overseas, were fitted and work well. All systems have been tested and are working effectively, including satellite and GPS technology. The team, are now making preparations for water tests in the near future.

### Please pray:

- For more workers for the harvest field.
- Helicopters to enable research trips into remote places.
- Healing for some of our workers around the world struggling with serious health issues.
- Preparation and planning for our time in the UK.



No, it's not all work. We've had some fun too.

A highlight after Christmas was a visit to an interactive Van Gogh exhibition in the city (our first visit to the city and travel by train in over a year). The tickets were a Christmas present.

In February we attended a free concert at the Sydney Myer Music Bowl near the Botanical Gardens in Melbourne, and enjoyed both the Melbourne Youth Orchestra, followed by the MSO (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra). All this under a darkening sky as daylight faded - one of the amazing treats we enjoy here in Melbourne.



And just last week we got to go camping for the weekend to Mansfield at the foot of the mountains. We cycled, visited staff members working in Mt Buller nearby (and walked to the top of the mountain). We also checked out some boat ramps in the area. It was both a useful weekend work-wise and a refreshing time.

**We so appreciate all your news, prayers and support over the last few months. We hope to see many of you soon, in the UK. Blessings and thanks, Tim and Carol**

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