

Meet the In laws



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Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us. We have had a busy time since our last prayer letter. In January Norman and Caleb and twenty others went to Kenya for a fortnight to build a classroom for children with special needs. This school is connected to the orphanage run by FAME. It was a really good trip and it was a privilege to be able to do something for those who have so little. The only negative thing about the trip was the tummy bug that half the team came down with when they arrived home. Caleb was fine but Norman was unwell for a couple of weeks. It is the first time in all his travels to be ill after a trip and it took a lot out of him. In February he and some other men prepared ten cabins for a camp site for a missionary friend in Greece who desires to set up a Christian camp ministry there. These along with a digger were sent over in a container at the beginning of March.



March was an exciting month for us as Matthew flew home from Australia for three weeks and together we flew to Germany for Andrew and Joanna's wedding. Rebekah met us in Frankfurt airport and we drove down to Pfedelbach to Joanna's home. Her family made us very welcome. On Friday the 7th we had the registrar wedding which is obligatory in Germany and then on the 8th we had the 'real thing'. It was a beautiful day – a record high 20C for that time of year. The ceremony which was translated by a missionary friend of Andrew's was really personal and glorifying to the Lord. Andrew and Joanna read ten reasons why they loved each other and Norman and Juergen (Joanna's dad) both prayed for them. Joanna's brother and sister sang. In the evening family members and friends put on a whole programme of music and drama. Andrew and Joanna had to take part in a Ready, Steady Cook competition arranged by Joanna's mum. It was a great evening of fun.

The new Mr & Mrs McCready left for their honeymoon and we went home to prepare for their N. Ireland wedding celebration. We had a

lovely evening of song and praise in Andrew's church on the 22nd March for N.I. friends and family. Unknown to Andrew and Joannawe had invited her mum and dad over so that really surprised them. After three 'wedding do's' they are well and truly married. They have moved into part of granda's house and Joanna is busy making it home. They plan to live there while Andrew finishes his NVQ 3 catering course and then their desire is to go into mission training.



It was really nice having the whole family together and it was not easy saying good bye to Matthew again. He has applied for his resident visa for Australia and is hoping it will soon be granted. Please continue to pray for his salvation.

Now the wedding is over we are preparing for our summer teams. We would value your prayers for that and for Norman who has a lot on his plate over the next few months. On Easter Monday he and two other men flew to Thessalonica to help David Lyttle build a children's camp site. Young people in Greece have very little fellowship so this will be a place where they can come and recharge their batteries and spend quality time with the Lord and other believers. The men worked around the clock to get as much done as possible in the ten days they were there. Norman flew back to London and then got a train up North Cotes, our NTM hdqtrs, to meet Angela and our summer team candidates, for our orientation weekend.

We have 20 young people accepted to go out with us this summer to the Philippines, Brazil and PNG and we are excited to see what God is going to do in their lives in the future. We were delighted to hear just recently that a couple who went on a team with us way back in 2003 have started full time aviation training in Australia to be missionary pilots! That is what Summit is all about- exposing and challenging people to missions. Angela is busy communicating with the missionaries on the field to finalise internal flights, visas, itineraries etc. As usual there are hiccups along the way to add a few more grey hairs and improve our prayer life!

Before our summer teams Norman has one more trip to do. He is going to Ethiopia with Ronnie McCracken and some other men to do a project on a Christian school that Ronnie supports. He leaves for Addis Ababa on the 15th May and returns on the 30th May.

On the 7th July we both fly to the Philippines with our first team. We will be helping build a new house for a family moving into a tribal work in North Luzon. We return on the 26th July and then on the 6th August will fly with our second team to Boa Vista Romaira in Brazil. We return on the 27th August. Caleb is one of our Brazil team members.

We would appreciate your prayers for all our travels in the air and on land. Pray too for wisdom and discernment leading teams; for team unity, good health; and for strength and stamina to do the work and keep one step ahead of the team! We are praying that God will lead some of these young folk into tribal missions. There are still so many language groups that have yet to hear the gospel for the first time.

Another prayer request is for our daughter Rebekah. She has a burden for Moslem ladies and is presently looking into different mission societies that work in the Middle East. Please pray that the right doors will open for her and she will know for sure when and wherethe Lord would have her to go.

Yours in His Service,*Norman & Angela*

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