



SEASONS GREETINGS

The Morris Family

2009 has been a good year for us in many ways. We have kept healthy and been involved in meaningful community, family and Church activities. We celebrated 45 years of marriage, and marked 10 years since our return from Japan. It is amazing how well we have reintegrated and cemented our place in New Zealand.

For **Noel** the highlight of 2009 was his one month trip to Japan and Russia. In Japan he visited many long-time friends, and was a speaker at the Full Gospel Businessmen's conference in Kobe. A 7 year old boy Noel baptised 20 years ago is now the pastor of one church he visited.

In Vladivostok, Noel taught for two weeks in the Bible School, about 30 classroom hours.

Recording conferences and funerals has slowed down this year, but still enough to keep Noel busy. Another highlight was the FGBMFI Conference in Napier, a city we hadn't been to for over 40 years.

Noel has also maintained web sites for Faithnet, for Edith's Radio page, and for the Hamilton Hydrotherapy Trust. This year he designed a site for "Alabaster Jar" a ministry in Germany, and redesigned the Post Polio Society's web site.

For **Edith** it has been a "sorting out" year. Her main priority now is to lead the Post Polio Society. At the Society's Conference in Wellington she was re-elected as National president, and has visited branches in Whangarei and Whakatane during the year.



(Back) Noel, Isaiah, Jonas, (Front) Edith, Kevin, Lynda

To keep this focus she has finished her radio show "Talking Up Disability" after more than 3 years of broadcasting. Several other projects have been dropped too.

She presented Disability Awareness sessions, and spoke at Rotary meetings about Polio during the year.

Edith has had a power wheelchair for two years now, and it certainly allows her to get things done while conserving energy. Noel jokes that he occasionally gets "meals on wheels"!

The Vallandingham Family

Kevin and **Lynda** travelled to Christchurch, the first trip to the South Island for American Kevin. Lynda enjoys teaching ESL at Vision College, while Kevin still works for Fonterra.

Isaiah celebrated his 21st birthday in October and also works with Kevin. He continues to live at home after his sojourn in Melbourne last year.

Jonas turned 16 this year. He is popular with his friends and enjoys his band and Church activities. He has helped Noel as cameraman on several jobs.

We are thankful they live nearby and we can all enjoy each others' company and family events.



As one year flows into another we are aware of our blessings and love from our family and friends, and we thank you for your input in our lives.

Noel & Edith