



SEASONS GREETINGS

from Noel & Edith Morris

Our 2010 year started just after a busy Christmas with Edith making trips to the Doctor. After 3 trips to the Emergency Department at the Hospital and a variety of tests, we are still not really sure what the problem was, but it appears that her system was overloaded by her Christmas exertion, and the fatigue caused all kinds of symptoms. These continued into February and March before she felt that she was somewhat recovered.



In February we attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the Hamilton Hydrotherapy Pool which we have spent so much effort raising funds for. Unfortunately it will not be completed for another 6 months, and Edith has had to use the old Hospital pool in the meantime.

In March, Noel's youngest brother Mark suddenly passed away with a heart attack. This was most unexpected. Noel was able to help Heather and the family with funeral arrangements.

Grandson Jonas occasionally helped Noel as a video cameraman, one event was a "Pop Opera" group Lyrica who did a performance in the Hamilton Gardens in March. The other in May was a worship conference in Te Aroha (1 hour from Hamilton). Two very different kinds of music experiences for Jonas!

At the end of May we went for a 2 - 3 week "holiday" in the South Island. Not just "holiday" because we also combined the time with other activities: family tree research, meeting Morris family members for the first time, Edith spoke at three Post Polio group meetings and met with other PPS members, and we videoed the FGBMFI Annual Convention in Invercargill (where Noel also gave a testimony). We covered over 3000 KM and saw places like the West Coast where we had never been before.

During our trip we received news that our good friend Alison White had passed away in Hamilton, so Edith and her electric wheelchair boarded a plane at Dunedin and headed home in time for the funeral.

Noel continued up to Christchurch to meet more family members and drive the car full of equipment home (via ferry) a week later.

Our big focus in September was the Post Polio National Conference at the Hamilton Airport Inn. Noel handled the registrations, accommodation and other practical details. Edith as President made the serious arrangements: speakers, policies and programmes.

Over 40 people attended, either live-in or day attenders. The first evening dinner speakers were former MP Doug

We just came through the Haast Pass



Noel speaking at FGBMFI in Invercargill



The new PPSS National Board



Woolerton who gave us insights on how to lobby the Government, and JB Munro our secretary who gave a comprehensive history about Polio in New Zealand.

The Thursday speakers were Jeni Hawker (about ageing) and Wayne Hewlett (about Pain Management). After that was lively discussion on advocacy issues and Orthotics problems. Noel also produced a set of DVDs of the Conference.

In October it was Noel's turn to spend a week in Hospital. This followed several gall-stone attacks, but it seems he passed the gall-stone the first night in hospital and had to wait a whole week for an MRI to prove it! No surgery needed and no problems remain, praise God!

On the Saturday of Labour weekend we both shared a workshop session at the Christian Ministry with Disabled National Camp. The intended speaker was unable to come, so we filled the slot and spoke on Restoration from the story of Nehemiah.

Noel went to Faith Bible College to record their Graduation Ceremony in November and returned with Denis Davydov, who had come from Vladivostok, Russia, to study at Faith. Denis has been staying with us over December while having practical experience with the Hamilton Elim Church. In January he will help Childrens Bible Ministries for more training, and then return to Faith Bible College for studies in February. He will be in NZ until June 2011.

At the end of November Noel videotaped two meetings about Chronic Fatigue Syndrome / ME given by Nancy Klimas, a visiting medical specialist from Miami. These have been edited into useful resources for the CFS / ME community.

As we have our birthdays all about the same time, Lynda and Kevin took us for a week-end holiday to Waihi Beach. We really enjoyed not having anything more serious to do than walk on the beach, read books, eat and sleep. The weather was very pleasant, and we came home refreshed.

Second grandson Jonas received certificates, a cup and a trophy for his many achievements at Hamilton Christian School at a ceremony to end the school year. Next year Jonas will study music at Vision College.

2010 was a year of health issues mixed with spiritual challenges and the satisfaction of achieving progress in both of our spheres of activities. We are hoping that 2011 will be a bit smoother for us.

Thank you for your friendship and prayers as you have shared the year with us. We pray that you will be abundantly blessed as you head into 2011.



Worship time at the CMWDT Camp



Noel, Edith & Lynda at Waihi Beach



Noel relaxing and reading



Jonas received a cup and certificates