## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



We are all noticeably a year older in this household. We both have just celebrated birthdays – Edith 74 and Noel 76. Even our beloved cat Tiger is no longer a teenager at 20! A regular visitor is great grandson Otto who now at 2y4m seems to run the show (accent on **run**!)

Our year has flown by again, my theory that the older you get the faster time goes. But on reflection we are still making an impact on our world, some of the details are in this newsletter. Thanks to Jesus our Lord and saviour we have both been relatively healthy this year, just requiring the odd running repairs.







**Edith** Last year Edith had a lot of health problems but thankfully through careful medication, diet and prayer she is back to her usual cheerful self.

Although she has been out of leadership in Polio NZ for several years now, she is still getting calls for help and advice about Post Polio Syndrome. Recently she was interviewed about her Polio story, and the article appeared online and in Seasons, a local free magazine.

**Noel** is still trying to stop doing large video jobs, but still managed a few this year. These also entailed many hours of video editing. One project is to upload our video library to Youtube, which is still ongoing. We don't sell a lot of DVDs any more, but many people watch video online instead, so we are looking to move our library to a new format.

We haven't had a lot of time for our other passion – genealogy, but Noel discovered a second cousin in Canada thanks to the power of the internet.



### To Japan 45 Years ago

45 years ago our little family left NZ to be missionaries in Japan where we lived for 25 years. We celebrated this 45th anniversary on Nov 28th by thanking the Lord Jesus for the honour and opportunity we were given to make friends and have a spiritual input into Japan.





## **Family**



Lynda, Kevin, Jonas, Isaiah and Otto are still living close by.

Last month they all went to visit Kevin's family in Illinois, USA so that all the relatives could meet young Otto. A highlight was meeting his greatgreat grandmother.

The first snow fall was another new experience for Otto.







Faith Bible College celebrated its 50th Anniversary in November, and as well as participating, Noel and John made videos of the two day event. 250 mostly Alumni sat down to a dinner in a marquee. There was a Missions Seminar on the Friday and a public celebration in a down-town church, which we live-streamed. Our class from 1972 was represented by 9 of us, one even coming from Australia. Our congratulations to Des and Carley Short for reaching this great milestone.

In March Noel and Edith attended the AGLOW Convention in Auckland. recording and selling videos.







At the Family First Forum in July, John, Steve and Evan helped Noel with 3 of the 5 cameras.





In November we had the privilege to meet and record Canon Andrew White, who was the Vicar of Baghdad. Andrew also has MS, and had instant rapport with the Disability community.

Noel has handed over some major event video recording to John Fickling who has often been cameraman for Noel in the past. So this year at the **FGBMFI** Convention Noel was cameraman for John.

## In October Edith spoke at a session at the Elevate National Camp for Disabled Christians.





### **FAITHNET VIDEO**

Some of the speakers who we recorded this year: Joan Hunter. John Arnott, Graham Cooke and Canon Andrew White (the Vicar of Baghdad). There were several other meetings and seminars, as well as the Faith Bible College 50th Anniversary as shown above.

We streamed the meetings with Joan Hunter and John Arnott. Streaming live video of events is our current "learning curve".



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# Seasons Greetings

Thank you for your friendship throughout the year. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

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