

The joy of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence



Christmas greetings to all our GFA friends

December 2012

It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed. Where did that time go!!

This has been a mixed year for us with travels as well as time spent with family. Last Christmas we were in Victoria with our family before heading to the National Conference. This was a fantastic time of renewing friendships and making new friends. Sitting under the teaching of Mr and Mrs Ezzo as well as other respected leaders in our GFA community was a blessing and encouragement to us. What a great event our conferences are and we always look forward to them.



Tooronga Falls – Gippsland

During conference we were invited to visit Gippsland and Colac. As a result we spent a week in Gippsland with the Lewis family in Drouin, visited the Jackson family at Trafalgar and met up with others connected to GFA – a great week altogether addressing meetings and speaking at the church.

Then it was back to Eildon to pick up our caravan and head off to Colac to spend time with the Veenstra family; again a great week with meetings and speaking at church.



Treetops walk – Otway Ranges

From Colac we returned to the Central Coast through central Victoria and NSW. We visited with the Tenhaves at Ganmain on the way through and had a great evening with them. The Lord watched over us through the floods that happened in Southern NSW at that time and although we did drive through the bad weather we were kept safe from the worst of it.

Once back home we facilitated a Childwise class and a Teens class which took us through to the end of May.



Dove Lake – Cradle Mountain

We then spent the Winter in Tasmania (God has a great sense of humour). Yes, it was cold but mostly dry and we managed to see many interesting parts of our island state. The Filleul family really looked after us in Launceston for which we are very grateful. Our travels there were a 'joint operation' with Paul & Janine Targett of Parents Arise; some of you will remember them from conference. Together we contacted quite a number of churches and schools, were able to run seminars or speak at some of those, and importantly, felt that we were truly giving parents some useful resources.

We did not take the caravan to Tasmania as God blessed us with accommodation in Launceston, Hobart and Devonport and in the two months there we only paid on a few occasions. We made contact with 6 Christian schools and were able to run seminars at 4. We attended 10 churches and either spoke or had short presentations at most of them and also ran seminars at some. We also met with a number of GFA people, including Ben and Mel Gaebler, and also other folk who had used our material. All in all it was a time of blessing for us.

We have been challenged by the Lord to spend time with family since our return and are currently living with our daughter on the Gold Coast. We are returning to NSW for Christmas but will be going back to Qld early in January until end of March and will then be going to the Key Leader's conference in Adelaide in April.

Your continued prayer support is greatly appreciated as we are waiting on the Lord for His plans for us in 2013. We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

All our blessings,

Ian & Lynn
Roving Ambassadors.

