

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Noel & Edith Morris – December 2016 Newsletter



*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6*

Next to celebrating the birth of **Jesus this Christmas**, the biggest occasion in our family this year was the birth of baby **Otto**, our first Great-grandson on 18th of August to **Isaiah** and partner **Ashlee**. Born at Waikato Hospital a few weeks early, he has continued to put on weight, learn to smile, and at 4 months old knows how to have grandparents Lynda and Kevin on a string!



Isaiah & Ashlee with Otto



Kevin & Lynda with Otto



Noel & Edith with Otto

## Milestones

- \* **Jonas** graduated from Vision College in March
- \* **We celebrated 52 years together** and were blessed by being prayed for by **John Arnott** from Toronto. (Google him if you don't know who he is)
- \* **Lynda & Kevin** celebrated their **30th wedding anniversary** in May
- \* **Isaiah** became a father, although **Ashlee** did all the hard work.
- \* **Lynda & Kevin** also **became grandparents** in August. You should just see how Kevin dotes on Otto!!
- \* **We became great-grandparents** in August too! (tell us when you think we have mentioned this too much)
- \* Our cat **Tiger** turned **18** in September.
- \* **Lynda** turned **50** in November.
- \* Our birthdays were just ordinary numbers, **Edith** 72 and **Noel** 74 - Noel's age has just exceeded his weight in Kilos:-)



Jonas



Cardinals Twins



Tiger



Anniversary Blessing

## South Island Holiday

In March we spent two weeks in the South Island. We stayed 4 nights in **Nelson** in an accessible unit built for disabled customers in the Tahuna Park Motor Camp. Our plans were to make day-trips to visit relatives - both the living and the dead. The living was Edith's **Aunty Ivy and daughters** in **Richmond**, and the dead were Noel's Great Grandfather buried in **Motueka** where we attempted to research something about his life. Also Noel's maternal grandmother was born in **Wakefield**, and we found her parents' graves as well as those for several generations earlier. We met two distant cousins who shared a wealth of family history.

On the Saturday we travelled to **Hanmer Springs** to soak in the hot water, then on Sunday on to **Oxford Baptist Church** where Noel's 3rd cousin **Greg Morris** is the Pastor. We enjoyed a Sunday meal with extended family.

Moving on to **Christchurch** we did day trips to see Edith's Great Grandparents' graves **Ashburton**, and to visit another of Noel's cousins **Russell** and wife **Pat** near **Darfield**, and yet another, **Veronica** in Christchurch.





### AGLOW NZ Convention

The following 3 days in Christchurch was the **AGLOW NZ Convention** which we videoed. This was a wonderful time of praise and worship, teaching and fellowship, and included a time in **Cathedral Square** praying for the city. Our journey home was routine, passing through **Kaikoura** well before the earthquake in November.

### Family History

On our trip we gathered a significant amount of new data, but you know how busy it is when you are retired, so we haven't had much time to spend on entering it all up in our Family Tree database. Noel's maternal Great Grandparents **Hoult** lived in this now derelict house south of **Wakefield**. ⇒

### Faithnet Media

Faithnet video ministry has been a little slower this year with only two large Conventions recorded – the **Aglow Convention in Christchurch** and the **Full Gospel Businessmen's Convention in Queenstown**. This latter was quite a challenge as Noel flew down instead of taking a car-load of equipment. All the gear was packed into 4 bags for the plane ride, and everything got there safely and functioned well! Thanks to the guys who helped me down in Queenstown.

Noel videoed several visiting speakers at church, including **John Arnott** from **Toronto**. He also recorded some medical lectures for **ANZMES, the Chronic Fatigue Association**, one recently in **Auckland**. These videos are great information and help for those with CFS/ME.

### Polio Support

We hosted two Polio Support Group meetings at our house, and we attended several others including the **Christmas Lunch**. In April the group had a stand at the **Waikato Show** in the Wellbeing section which we organised. **Edith** spoke about Polio at a **Mt. Maunganui Probus** meeting in April and went to a **Polio Retreat in Rotorua** in August. Then in October she participated in the presentation to **J B Munro** of his Life Membership in Polio NZ at the AGM in Auckland. In July we both resigned our roles in the Waikato Polio Support Group, and though we still support as members, it has freed us up to pursue other interests.

### Harvest City Church

We enjoy worshipping at **Harvest City Church** where Noel maintains the church's Facebook page and web site. From November we have moved from a rented hall to a full-time home for our church, which entailed major renovations. Noel was involved in getting the sound equipment and the projection gear set up in the new auditorium, and videoing the opening service.

### Other events

Passing visitors include **Simon and Alison North** and boys on furlough from **Japan** where they serve with **OMF in Tokyo**. We still seem to have the hospitality gift – hosting a Zeros birthday party for **Chuni 60, Danny 70** and **Kevin 70**. Then a couple more for **Eileen 80** and **Stephanie 72**.



Derelict Hoult house



Beautiful Queenstown



Waikato Wellbeing Show



Projection & Sound at HCC



# 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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