

Bardsley Update January 2010

Just a reminder about our address details
Note change of house number. We are now at:

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Goodbye 2009

Thanks for the many Christmas letters and cards we received. It was good to have news from near and far. The end of a year is a good time to look back and reflect on God's leading, protection, encouragement and blessings even when the going was tough.

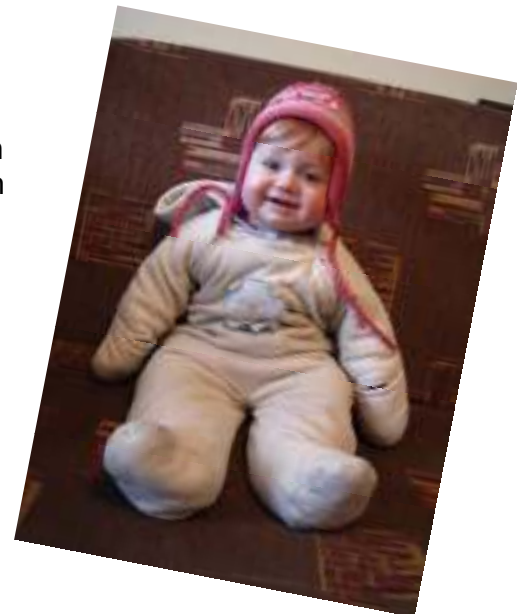
OW involvement: When we last wrote Margaret was finishing research on Russia and then facing Chad, Liberia and Sierra Leone. John was working on Nigeria and looking to do Iran. By the week before Christmas, Margaret had completed all her countries and helped John out with church statistics for Nigeria. Iran was handed over to another team member. Our research tasks are completed, Jason Mandryk is writing up the last country chapters and the UK team are working on Appendices and statistical data. Each country draft needs to be checked for accuracy and sensitivity, hopefully by someone in, or related to, the country. Changes then need to be incorporated and checked again before the final proofreading and sending of the text to the designers and printers. So although our involvement now is minimal (Margaret may possibly be involved in proofreading), there is lots to pray for before we actually see the book in print by mid-2010.

Fiona and Jonny with OM: Caleigh is now ten months old and recently took her first steps! Although it's snug and warm inside their flat, going outside in a Russian winter means adding an amazing number of layers. Here's Caleigh dressed for a quick dash between home and car.

Fiona and Jonny have a busy few months ahead. They move into a larger flat mid-January, host a team from Finland making a video of OM's rehab work, then in February host another work team from Canada coming to complete the internal work for two storeys of the new Discipleship Centre building. They praise the Lord that the external work and insulation was completed before the onset of winter.

Fiona is struggling with language study while caring for Caleigh and looking after visiting teams as well as relating to the students in the Discipleship course. Jonny has had some health problems in recent months. Pray Isaiah 40:28-31 for them.

The rest of the family are busy in their various roles: teaching, computing, data management, mechanics. Rachel & Ben spent Christmas in the French Alps with Ben's sister and her partner. They drove there through the snow and icy roads but were kept safe. Rachel said the worst moments were actually in the UK! By contrast, Naomi and Dave spent Christmas in Adelaide with his parents and sweltered in the heat, some days reaching 39C!



Looking at 2010 - Margaret

- I have rejoined our church Mission Committee and taken up my previous roles with the finances and monthly Prayer Booklet.
- I've signed-up for a Proofreading and Copy Editing course.
- Together with John, I will be responsible for supplying text for the bi-monthly WEC Australia prayer calendar.
- I will be hosting an Alpha Course in our home (led by John) from mid-February to end of April.
- And coping with all the demands/joys/routines of daily life - you all know about that!

2010 for John

- **RUN:** Weekly updates on the impact WEC is making on the unreached. (continued)
- **WARP:** West Africa Regional Prayer co-coordinator, collecting news from 6 countries and sending it fortnightly. (new).
- **TEFL:** My Pakistani friend Andrew has asked me to teach him English 4 hours a week - he can't go to TAFE because of shift work, but I can change times to suit him. I have been studying in the library, and will attend an ESL class to observe teaching methods! (new).
- I hope to do a day's training with **ASeTTS:** Assisting Torture and Trauma Survivors, and then to receive emails from government, listing people who have asked for help. This will be a more welcome way to make friends with the unreached than knocking unannounced on their door. (new)
- **Bible storytelling:** Doorknocking has unearthed one man who would like to be revisited regularly, so I plan to follow him up, and also to visit Luke Tassell's friend Mahmood, from Iran. (new)
- **Discipling:** I seem to have collected three men who look to me for discipling, and that is exciting.
- **Landscaping:** I am building proper retaining walls, paths and parking bays at 18 Balmoral St, and then attempting to enrich the soil enough to actually nourish what we plant.

Thanks for your continued prayer and support. Your ministry to us is deeply appreciated.

John & Margaret

Praise

- OW research completed on time
- God's leading in new ways to reach out to the community.
- Being settled in our new home.

Prayer

- New roles in **prayer ministry:** West Africa, WEC Australia, South Perth Church of Christ
- **Alpha Course:** people to sign up and keep coming as the weeks go by.
- **Outreach into the community:** Sensing God's leading as opportunities arise.
- **Training:** Margaret's course and John with English teaching and ASSETS.
- **Discipling** - to see people grow in their faith and walk with Jesus.
- **Our walk with the Lord** - that we will remain close to Jesus and not get distracted with busy-ness!

How's your view of life?

