

Christmas 2013

Advent

...a time to prepare for



Christmas

...and the coming of the King



The first thing Ken does every year when we arrive home mid December is to go and get the Christmas tree. We always have a live one and love the piney scent which is part of the Christmas celebrations. And the decorations!

The first thing I do is set up the Advent ring/wreath which is part of the preparation to celebrate the birth of the Christchild who is the KING. I was introduced to the tradition of the Advent ring by a German friend when we lived at Capernwray and have ever since enjoyed the extension of the Christmas celebration this gives us. This year I have had the added pleasure of a thought for each day from a group of women around the world who shared Scripture verses that have meant much to them especially in times of stress. Mine is Psalm 139 verse 14 in the Jerusalem Bible translation.

You know me through and through

God knows me better than I know myself and He still loves me.

May that be your experience this Christmas season and beyond.

This year has been a busy one of travel and preaching for Ken and catching up with friends, Quiet days and mentoring for Eva in the times at home. I really appreciate a small group of women who have become my peer support. We meet two or three times a year and bless each other. Ken has several men friends with whom he meets when we are home - as well as the many friends he has worldwide. Friends matter!

Next year promises to be just as busy. In May Ken and our son-in-law Steve will revisit the Far East while Eva spends an intensive month in Antalya, Turkey, doing battle with the Turkish language. It would be so good to be able to chat with my women friends in Kaş without the need for the dictionary on my phone!

The family is all well. We plan to stay with Jo and Steve and the girls in January and visit my brother and his family from there. After a week at Capernwray Bible School we will be off to the USA again and seeing Paul and Leeanne and two of the grandchildren. Christina, the oldest, is a student in the Capernwray Bible School on Thetis Island in British Columbia, Canada. Andrew occasionally has work trips to Ireland and we catch up with him then. Ros and Connor will visit us here at New Year.

Next year is our Golden Wedding year and the highlight for us will be having all three of our children together for the first time in many years in June. That will be truly special.

May you all enjoy a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

With our love

Ken & Eva

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Ken's Itinerary for January to June 2014

January	1-16	Home		Ireland
	17-24	Handforth/Thame		England
	29-31	Capernwray Hall		England
February	1-2	Portland	OR	USA
	3-7	Cannon Beach	OR	USA
	8-14	Lake Tapps/Adelphia	WA	USA
	15-21	Redwood City	CA	USA
	22-24	Poipu	HI	USA
March	1-6	Kailua	HI	USA
	7-14	Honolulu	HI	USA
	15-22	Portland	OR	USA
	22-29	Twin Lake	MI	USA
	29-31	Murfreesboro	TN	USA
April	1-23	Home		Ireland
	26-30	Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore with Steve Burmester		
May	1-14	Ditto		
	15-31	Odessa, Ukraine and Tirasopol, Transnistria		
During the month of May Eva will be in Antalya trying to start to learn Turkish!				
June	3-20ish	Kaş		Turkey