



From the
Whitehorns



August /September 2017

Dear Friends,

As we look back, we have so much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to, with excitement. Thank you for accompanying us so faithfully.

Germany

When we last wrote we were soon to leave for Germany to attend the International Council+ conference. This was an excellent time with very helpful devotions, worship and important decisions such as deciding on the procedure for and the actual election of the next Int. Council. Hans, our co-Africa Area Director, will be a member for the next 3 years. We will probably need to juggle some of our responsibilities to free him up to function well on this important council. There was also valuable interaction with colleagues from the various Candidate and Membership departments of WEC, and the privilege of getting to know new fellow Area Directors, as well as spending time with 'old' ones. Our days with Africa Area colleagues, Hans and Elfi, and then with Roly and Cristina, who lead the Africa Membership Dept, were productive and very profitable. As we wrote to some of you, what a privilege to be working with these amazing folk.

Family

Mark and Ruth continue to do well serving with Betel ministries, (amongst those broken by substance abuse). Young Harvey is now a very active, fun-loving 10-month-old boy who is into everything, everywhere. Ruth works in the office 4 times a week, usually taking Harvey with her. When she can Margie has continued to go once a week to look after Harvey to help Ruth; she has absolutely loved these days.

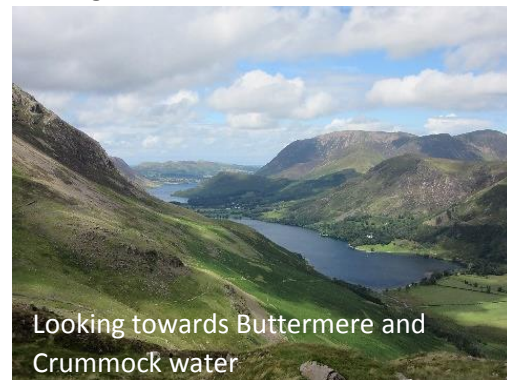


Harvey's Dedication day August 2017

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Esther has been working in the INF mission office since May and will continue certainly until November. After that is uncertain... and she would certainly value prayer. This has been a wonderful provision for her.

We and Esther, enjoyed a good week in the Lakes with some of David's family; his father of 91, is still able to enjoy short walks. However, it was very tough for Elizabeth, (step-Mum), who hurt her ankle badly, walking round Buttermere.



Looking towards Buttermere and Crummock water

Margie's brother-in-law had chemo earlier in the year for a lesion near his spine. The last scan and check-up show that

the lesion has gone and other concerns show a marked improvement, which is truly wonderful. He will be monitored, but has the all-clear for now.

Catching up...

We have had the joy of catching up with many of you as we have visited several churches and prayer groups who have faithfully prayed and supported us for years. We very much appreciated being given opportunities to share and give up-to-date news. The hospitality and welcome was definitely 5* and very generous. The car has added several thousand to its milometer! A huge thank you to so many.

And...the rest of the year

On Aug 20 we fly to **Mozambique** to spend 2 weeks with Célia. She is the only full time WEC worker in the country and has moved to the town of **Pemba**, which has a large population of Mwanis. Célia has been given a house and a car to use in her ministry, which is

The **Mwanis**, Muslims for about 1000 years, are fishermen and staunch Muslims, but strongly influenced by the spirit world! There are men and women finding that life with Jesus brings hope, freedom and joy, but there are still thousands who live without that experience

wonderful! She is building friendships and making contacts in these first months.

Pemba is an important, touristy town: stunning coast and scba diving, not to mention the large natural gas reserves off the coast -however, not all blessing for the region and country!

We hope to meet with Momade and Florencio, the faithful national workers, based further



north. Momade continues to run with his vision for the meeting place, **Safina**, and this is now being used for seekers and worshippers.

Momade has a powerful testimony of how he came to faith in Jesus: *while reading the New Testament, (just because it was one of the few books in Portuguese), a shop owner asked him if he understood what he was reading. His reply: "How can I? I need someone to explain it to me". The shop owner introduced him to a believer who explained what was written and Momade changed his allegiance from Mohammed to Jesus.* This was at least 20 years ago. He longs for his people to find the forgiveness and security that he has experienced and works hard at sharing the Gospel.

- Sept 2 - **Burundi** - time with the DR Congo team, (Stephen and Catherine, and Lydie), who are based there for the time-being, for various reasons
- Sept 11- **UK**
- Oct 2 - **Sao Tomé & Príncipe**, We look forward to visiting a WEC couple ministering in a Bible school
- Oct 10 - **Ghana** -conference and handover of interim leaders to the elected leaders
- Nov 2 - **Chad** – leadership will be discussed again as Julie initially only agreed for one year, +++ Many challenges for this faithful team, such as serious illnesses
- Nov 15 - **UK**
- Nov 24/25-ish - **Guinea-Bissau** – conference and visits
- Dec 11-ish – **Senegal**-meeting with Hans and Elfi
- Dec 17/18 - **UK**

Praise:

- Good conference in Germany
- Good times with families and friends
- Good news about Nigel's health
- Warm welcomes from faithful praying and supporting churches, and prayer groups

Prayer:

- **Preparation** for the different visits and conferences
- **Humility** to listen well to God's Spirit and to colleagues
- **Country team (Branch) leaders:** for those taking over and those deciding to stay or not! We would love Julie, in Chad, to continue
- **Célia**, as she starts afresh, alone, in Pemba. She needs to discern God's way to minister amongst the Mwanis
- **The small groups of believers** amongst the Mwanis, to mature and reach out to others with God's love, and for those who are seeking the Truth
- **All our Branches** need more workers, from within Africa and from without
- **Roly and Cristina:** they continue to head up the Africa Membership Dept. The first Candidate orientation takes place this autumn, with a man from Sudan
- **Horn of Africa Somalis** - to hear of and discover God's love for them
- **BCS, WEC's school in Senegal, still urgently needs personnel for September**

May God bless you as you pray and so equip and encourage us; thank you so much

With love from

David and Margie