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Our Dear Friends, Greetings from Exeter!

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed New year.
We trust that this, our Annual letter, finds you in good health.

2014 began very well for us and we were soon into ministry during January with many meetings between us.

David made quite a few visits to our Doctor and the Hospital in order to ascertain his condition and to prescribe the right medication. This activity proved successful and with medication and a few restrictions life has been lived to the full, for which we are deeply grateful.

No doubt from our last itinerary you will have noticed a slight reduction in David's meetings and this will continue for the foreseeable future. Kathryn, although with some health issues, continues with a variety of meetings and ministry.

It is reported that John Wesley said that the World was his parish. Not wanting to compare ourselves with that great man, nevertheless, we do feel the same at times. Not being the Pastors of a local church our borders are seemingly very wide as we are involved in a fair amount of pastoral ministry. Hospital, Homes and home visitation continues to take up a lot of our time but, we find it very fulfilling and rewarding.

In May, Matthew, Wendy, Benjamin, Naomi and Gideon came from Nassau for almost a month. Yes, you're right! It was a wonderful time and when Rachel, Tristan, William and Holly joined us it was the icing on the cake!! All eleven of us together for the first time in three years!

During the year we have attended many funerals, some of which David has conducted. These people have been good friends and prayer partners for many years, and have meant so very much to us.

A recent funeral we attended was that of Sylvia Ebdon, who in the early 1950's came from Wonford Baptist Church in Exeter to our Congregational Church at Wembworthy, and introduced the Christian Endeavour Movement. Subsequently, it was at a C.E. meeting that I became a Christian in 1957. Upon our return to Devon in September 1982 I was invited to preach at the Wonford Church – it was a joyful re-union!

Never having been to the Keswick Convention in Cumbria, we decided to attend at the end of July and were blessed with Bed and Breakfast close to the convention centre. This was the third week and what a week it was joining with 3,000 in the big tent. The singing was glorious and the ministry of God's Word heart warming and deeply challenging.

In our letters we try not to single out special events we have been involved in but, here is an exception! 175 years of Christian witness was celebrated at the end of October at West Down Evangelical Chapel. You will have noticed it from our last letter. David preaches there once a Month. Dr Charles Price, Senior Pastor of the Peoples Church in Toronto and a good friend was booked two and a half years ago to be the guest speaker at various meetings and events. Sadly, earlier this year Charles had a major setback in his health and was unable to join us. However, adjustments were made and the Anniversary was a great blessing with the Revd Ray Murden and Mr John Allan bringing the Word on Tuesday and the Exeter Male Voice Praise giving a wonderful Gospel concert on the Wednesday night.

With our friends at West Down "We Praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come"

Space is running out! So, thank you for being in our lives as friends and prayer partners.

God bless you.

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