Christmas 2007 - A Family Focus

We wish you a period of untrammelled peace as you celebrate the birthday of the Prince of peace, the Lord Jesus Christ this year.

The word of God is clear – He sets the lonely (solitary) in families (Ps 68:6). The period under review had its emphasis on weddings and birthdays and ended in a weekend seminar on The Family.

Our ministry is involved in counselling towards marriage, praying for families, in particular Christian families and helping families undergoing difficulties in relationships and parenting among many other things.

Probably the most exciting event of the last six months in our home concerns one of Bridget’s prayer partners. You may remember that Pamela Simmons, as well as Alison Hill, Janet Pierson and Katy Sheldrick arranged the “Testimonies of tragedies” Conference at Shipton in April this year with my wife. It was a highly successful residential conference which impacted and changed many lives.

Pamela had been separated from her husband for 17 years and had to bring up her two daughters largely single-handed. The divorce came over from Nigeria, but Pamela and Obi re-enacted their marital vows before the Lord.

Pamela resigned from her well paid job in England, packed up and sold her car and with her two daughters Abi and Amaka moved over to Enugu Nigeria to be with Obi.

Two young families recently came from Cambridge to visit us. Peter and Claire Nicholas came for prayer and to show their baby daughter to us. They had made several trips in the run-up towards their wedding for the purpose of pre-marital counselling and we had duly attended and participated in the ceremony, which made them one. Peter had been the leader of a group of youth who drove frequently from Cambridge for evening prayer meetings with us in the past and were part of the church at St Andrews, Oakington, Cambridge.

Dapo and Toyin are Nigerian Christians who live in Streatham, Cambs and Toyin had considerable problems during her first pregnancy. My wife was a Mother-in-Israel and we paid frequent visits until she gave birth.
There was also a most delightful event.

There was a young man named James with whom I had developed a warm relationship in the company of other youth at St Andrew’s Oakington, Cambridge. We had kept in touch even though he moved during university studies from Sheffield to Aberdeen and finally through a spell in Haifa, Israel to Leicester.

He spent some time with the Voluntary Service Overseas organisation in Ethiopia and it was during that period that he introduced me to a delightful female friend.

My wife and I enjoyed their company and were privileged to have counselled them towards their wedding. Again the Revd James Alexander graciously allowed me to participate in their marriage ceremony at St Andrew’s Oakington –

There was a succession of birthdays; thirteen of them in the family. Perhaps the outstanding ones related to the youngest and the eldest in the dependent nuclear family. Both were marked rather quietly by prayer parties. Olusakin, who was six had hers at home in Emneth and Elizabeth had hers at Dr Dangatta’s at Livingstone, Edinburgh.

In addition my wife and I attended the 90th birthday party of a friend in the Christian family in Cambridge. Both Greta Hague and her late husband the Revd Eric Hague had been our friends and benefactors since we first set up home in Bar Hill Cambridge in 1994. At her party in Manor Court, Cambridge, we met many longstanding friends and supporters.

Elisabeth Scale and her husband who were at my first healing service at Impington village church on the 14th of June 1993 were there.

At the party we met a final year medical student at the Cambridge Clinical School, who traced our web-site from the Dr Greta Hague connect and knew all about my medical adventures.
My oldest son, Tunde finally found a lovely wife and they got married on the 6th October 2007. We travelled up the day before and stayed with Peter and Sally Davies in Biggin Hill, Kent. It was a beautiful wedding in Maidstone, Kent and went on all day. We did not leave the reception till 11pm at night. There was a lot of joy and the message was very inspiring.

About a month later, they came to our home to attend a family seminar. Our friends, Pastor Daniel Okeme and Pius Ohue were the guest speakers leading a seminar on the Family. This lasted for two days, 10th and 11th November.

There were a few health challenges during this period. However, our Lord Jesus always leads us triumphantly through or over every difficulty. In addition to the incredible and continued miracle of sustenance (and we pray the manifold blessings of God on all those He uses to support us with money or prayers or in any other way), we thank our God for victories over the ambushes of the Evil one.

Pastor Pius Ohue was here for three weeks with Pastor Daniel Okeme, who extended his visit by another three weeks. In addition to several counselling sessions (one on one) they spoke at several meetings in London, Emneth, Kent and Bolton and addressed several other small groups at Hunsstanton and Great Snoring.

A tanker hit our vehicle from the back on the 11th February and got a witness to shift liability on to us. But our Might God has given us victory and vindicated us and they have withdrawn all allegations.

We also give glory to God for so many miracles seen in our ministrations and the journey mercies we enjoy as we travel up and down.

Please continue to intercede for crystal clarity as He pilots us through the process of change that is beckoning to us from the not too distant future. One area involves provision of supervisory cover for younger ministries and we solicit your prayers in this respect.

May the New Year bring closer the visible reign of the Lord Jesus Christ and even closer the obvious manifestation of His glory and authority in His body, the earthly church. Maranatha. Amen.

With our love in the Lord Jesus.

Bill and Bridget Isaacs-Sodeye.