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Dear friends and family,

It's nearly winter – the first snow arrived today – and time to compose our greeting letter, which comes with our love, and our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May you rejoice in the gift of the Saviour, whose first coming we celebrate.

Our news: At home, the big event of the year was having a new roof fitted on the older part of the house; they are supposed to last 30-40 years, and ours had done 60, but was beginning to let in damp in too many places, so we “bit the bullet” and had it done in the early autumn. Our main holiday was a visit to the Cotswolds, staying at Tetbury and visiting Bath in the South, Bourton-on-the-Water in the North, and many points in between. A highlight was meeting up with Katy, nee Trickett, who we knew well from our Woodley days when she was studying at Bulmershe College and part of Woodley Baptist Church.

A great sadness was hearing that Bernard's former transatlantic colleague Nancy LaPelle, who we met last year in the Lakes, had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer – she sadly died in October, breaking a link that had lasted since the 1980's.

Skipton Baptist Church is busy, and still attracting new people every month. God has been good and faithful to us all, and is still working in the hearts and minds of folk in this area.

Adrian and Angela, Cameron and Sinéad: Cameron is doing good work at college in Huddersfield, and Sinead will be doing GCSE “mocks” next year; Cameron continues his skiing – he has recently spent a week in Dubai (artificial snow and sand!), and Sinead is usually to be found somewhere near her horse, Owl (riding, or “mucking out”). The whole family are embarking on a further “Ambulances to Zambia” project – Angela has set up a not-for-profit organisation to receive funds for this. The two they sent over this year had some “hairy moments” at the Namibia-Zambia border, but eventually arrived, and Adrian and Angela were interviewed on national TV and made the front pages of the papers.

Chris and Helen, Matthew, Charlotte, James and William: Matthew decided that sixth-form work was not really to his taste – he wanted to get an electrical apprenticeship, but has been taken on by a company doing high-quality cladding for buildings, and seems to like that; a wage-earning grandson! Charlotte like Sinead has GCSE “mocks” coming up. James had decided to go to the Aylesbury boys school, so like Charlotte he has a long bus journey at the start and end of each day. William is now the only Harris left at Ickford school.

With our very best wishes for the Christmas season, a prosperous, safe and healthy New Year, and our love,

A few pictures from 2024



Nephew David Kimbangi's wedding to Paloma (Sept 2023, in Spain)



Cotswolds – Bourton-on-the-Water (April)



Tetbury (April)



Meeting up with Katy (April)



The Roman Baths at Bath (April)



Sinead and Owl (May)