

DEAF MINISTRIES UPDATE

Dear Friends,

A Happy New Year to you all. This is our first letter in which we are anticipating some exciting developments and no doubt some challenges and struggles too. We thank one of you who helped us in the latter part of 2001 were facing. Gifts both large and small helped in thank those who gave, some anonymously and others were friends who took a loan on his house mortgage to get out to the fields before Christmas. Thank you one

for 2002, a year of events and the Lord and each to meet the deficit we his and we want to we know. One able to get money nd all.

ANNIVERSARY

Our year finished off with a bang. December 28th was our 25th wedding anniversary. More than 100 friends jammed into our house to help celebrate. We sent out some invitations but I forgot to put the actual invitation in some envelopes so if you received an empty envelope from someone it was from us without our Anniversary Invitation. Thanks to Graham Haylock who was the MC, Barry Cutchie who brought the closing comments and our boys who sang and prepared a video production and to all who came or sent cards. Hope you can come to our 50th.



PRAYER LETTER

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Those who receive our e-mail updates will be aware that the appeal made by Ian Stillman in India to a higher court has been rejected. This is a terrible blow to Ian, his family and supporters. No real reason for the rejection has been given except some comments about him not being deaf but only hard of hearing. What that has to do with things no one knows. Ian is profoundly deaf but has understandable speech so I guess

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PRAYER POINTS

- *Planning for upcoming conference*
- *Ian Stillman's situation in India*
- *Upcoming travels*

the judge assumes that he is guilty because he can
to continue praying yet more for Ian and the whole

speaks some. We need
situation there.

CONFERENCE

Enclosed with this letter should be another conference application
form. We are getting more serious this time as we need to know who will
be coming. If you look carefully at the form it is not a repeat of the last
one sent out but requires some kind of commitment. So far about 25 from
Australia have indicated their desire to attend with some 75 from other
countries. We are planning for a ceiling of about 200. Joy and Johannes
Olscwieski from Germany will be the main speakers. Johannes is deaf and
blind and a real inspiration. Hope you can join us. If not would you like to
help one of our workers attend.?

DEPUTATION MEETINGS

We are still available for deputation meetings in any part of the coun-
try. We are looking to head to WA sometime during the year as well as
Queensland and of course locally too. Contact Kerri or myself at the
numbers given on this letter if you would like us to come to your church,
home group, or whatever. No gathering too small.

Lill is currently in Norway for a couple of reasons. One is to help her
mother move from her home into a retirement home. This requires a lot of
packing and sorting as well as the sale of the house. The second reason
concerns mission business in Norway. Most of our support comes from
Norway so some legal preparations, deputation meetings and the like have
to be done. I will be joining her later in February to help with this and will
return via the US where we will hold our US board meeting on February
27th. I hope to be back the beginning of March before heading to the Phil-
ippines. (What did I say about availability for deputation meetings?) Try
anyway.

God Bless,
Neville and Lill



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