



I Think I Remember Stan's 'News'letters! *Oh for the good old days!*



Do you remember the days before e-mail and on-line technology? Those were the days! Now most people have access to phones, computers, i-pads etc. and some people get left behind... So I decided that my latest 'news'letter would be a good old-fashioned paper copy. One where you can sit in a comfortable armchair with a cup of tea and read it! So – go on – put the kettle on - here it is! ☺ (This is online version!)

How often I hear people say "I am looking forward to retirement. I will have lots of spare time to do all the things I haven't yet done." I used to say the same. Somehow it didn't work out for me! Over these last several months I can honestly say that I have never been busier. Am I complaining? Most certainly not. Everything I am involved in is by choice. Even though I thought it would be good to stop travelling, I have found I cannot walk away from so many friends made over the years. Almost daily I get e-mails in my inbox from someone or somewhere that I have been to. (stangain@btinternet.com) Often a new ministry asks me to visit or support them.

Not just abroad, I still find myself involved with so much at home. A change of church home has brought many challenges; I continue for the time being as treasurer of the Christian Peoples Alliance; I am administrator for the Woodland Christian Trust; I help at a church drop in as often as I am able and there are always people ringing or knocking on the door. Wonderful! Hence sometimes my communication fails. So where to start?

'On the Road Again'

Someone should make that into a song! Not that I was singing when travelling on one of the dustiest roads in Cameroon that I have ever travelled on – only to be given snail stew (not nice garlic escargot!) on my arrival. I still love Africa for all that and it was wonderful to make a first visit to Cameroon. Pastor Sone and his team work with Light and Life Ministry. I had a great three day conference in a really remote area (I awarded the hotel 5 cockroaches – the maximum award for the worst hotel). Several church meetings and several leaders seminars rounded off this trip.

I will spend most of July in my beloved Africa too. I first met Pastor Jeremiah Rukukuye in Nairobi. He was at that time a Congolese refugee and I worked with him in the refugee churches in the Kenyan capital. He is now back in Uvira, Dem Republic of Congo and I am invited for a second time to see how his hard work has built a bible school and several new churches and an orphanage. Being back at the Congolese Embassy to collect my visa reminded me of the wonderful meetings in the Refugee Camps in neighbouring Tanzania.

Following a great crusade in the rebel hills outside of Bujumbura in Burundi I received news about a year ago of a new church planted there in Bukirasazi. I am invited back to see how this work has also grown and although unable to meet the budget for further crusade meetings will hold revival meetings in addition to renewing some old acquaintances. I understand the town which was badly damaged through rebel fighting is now fairly well rebuilt.



The last two weeks will be back in Kenya – my second home! Eleven full days working with five ministries that I have known for many years. The Lord’s Ministries was the first that I ever visited back in 1987. It is now headed by Eric Mudenyu, the son of founder George Opara. Eric has really taken the ministry forward and It is a joy to see how the time (and often tears) have seen this ministry expand. I will also be holding meetings in Kitale, Kiminini, Mumias and Kakamega.

The Blessings of Unity

Some will remember me talking of Simon Changorok. He opened up the tribal areas of Pokot, Marakwet, Turkana and Karamoja and together we taught about unity. I heard recently from his daughter that in one Pokot town, Kacheliba, as a result of the Unity teaching that market day has been switched from Sunday to Wednesday so that people are free to go to church. These are stories that make the tough side of travel worthwhile.

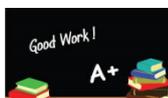
Freedom From Brick Kilns **HALLELUJAH!**

Most of my travelling is now tied in to Woodland Christian Trust. Through the trust I was back in Pakistan last November and it was my total joy to be able to oversee the release of four families from the slavery of the brick kilns. Not only were we able to pay off the debt but to set the families in business so that they do not descend again into the spiral of debt. For three of the families we bought a new donkey and cart (not a new donkey!) and with pastoral support are now all doing well.



One family with four daughters came with the story that their two eldest had passports prepared and were to be sold into the Middle East sex industry. I could not hear this story and do nothing. The family are now free and are set up in business with a small shop. I heard recently that the eldest daughter has married into a good Christian family. As I write this there are sufficient funds allocated in the Trust to rescue four more families. This will be put in hand when I return from Africa.

New Covenant School – Faisalabad



Many of you have followed the ups and downs of New Covenant School. Having received registration for both boys and girls, the government had a change of mind and ruled that the girls should be taught in a separate building. ‘The Rhaki Rescue Centre’ which was being planned has now become ‘The Rakhi Girls School and Rescue Centre’. The rescue centre was to be named after 8 year old Rakhi who, working as a house girl in a Muslim home was raped by the home owner. Unfortunately not an untypical story.

It is good to report that the purchase of the land has been completed and is being registered to the New Covenant School System. A strong urgency has now



prompted an appeal to raise the balance of the £170,000 needed to build. This is because the education authorities refused to let the high school girls take their exams. This problem will be resolved as the school is built. All of this is being done through Woodland Christian Trust and more details can be found at www.woodlandchristiantrust.org.uk

If you are able to pass on this information to anyone you feel may be interested it may help the trust to raise the profile of the need to build the school.

In Conclusion



When Jesus was here on this earth He was always very busy. Wherever He went a crowd gathered. Some were there because they wanted to hear the preaching of the Kingdom of heaven and others because they had a need of some sort. Just before Jesus sent the disciples themselves out He said *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.”* **Nothing has changed.** If you would like to join with me on one of my trips please let me know. You would be very welcome.

I continue to receive regular invitations from around the world, most of which I am, regrettably unable to accept. I am returning to USA in September and look forward to catching up with many old friends and preaching as often as I am invited. Trusting that the school is finished at the end of the year I will return to Pakistan.

Please stay in touch. I always enjoy hearing from friends old and new, especially when away from home. It is good to get news from home.

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