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## Happy New Year, wow 2010! *Happy . . .*

Would you consider a monthly commitment to support our work in Northern Ireland? Our donations are nearly half what they were in 2008 and whereas we are settled here and can withstand the decrease, we need sustained support. Thank you for all your prayer and interest.

This newsletter is different. It is about you rather than all about us. Happy New Year wow 2010! Happy Chinese Year of the Tiger. Happy Valentines day too. This MAY be our last year in Belfast, so if anyone has thought they would like to visit us please make your plans.



Our house and car on the right

The weather is best in May/June, but Lane came in January and it has its charm. The summer has long daylight days, but more rain than May/June.

Here are some of the dates and events you can

plan around: If you know the Ken Burns that I know, his wife Beth and he are coming May 8-20th. So if anyone is interested in being with us and assisting in a leadership workshop come then. They are not

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Belfast City Hall with Continental Market

## *Chinese Year of the Tiger.*

staying in the house so we have beds to offer.

I don't know much about it but I'm thinking of doing the Solemn Novena at Clonard Monastery.  
[www.clonard.com/novena.html](http://www.clonard.com/novena.html). Anyone

who would like to join in a nine day prayer discipline, the dates are June 16-24th

Our Kids Outreach is August 16-20th. 60-70 neighborhood children come. It is fun work and Barbara can use more



*Special prayer points*

**PRAY** for our impact in the Cross Border class at The Vine Centre

Cross community openings for dialogue have picked up. Pray for wisdom.

**PRAY** for Tea Talk and Pray at the school, that others will come who can eventually take it over.

**PRAY** for wholeness for both of us.

Desmond left again and Roberta both needing prayer.

Crumlin Road missionaries: Mark, going back to Sierra Leone, Peter, newly married, & Rachel

College Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Oakland, Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

**PRAY** for the Drennans. Jack is Presbytery moderator this year and very busy.

**PRAY** for sustained support in 2010

**PRAY** for our visit to California.



Thank you for sending us notes and cards

these groups we encourage and are encouraged in our work.

We will visit California soon. If you want a private visit please let us know so we can make time. We will be in Los Angeles from February 10-16, then home in Berkeley until March 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has a “venue” that they would like us to address a crowd we’d be glad to or if you want to plan a party we are open to that too. We can address your mission committee, or careers group, either informally or formally. We would like to talk about post retirement, a term I don’t like, but it conveys the concept. We would like to have more groups of friends doing cross cultural adventures like ours and encourage people to think missionally (missional means to be sent into the world).

help.

I found a meditation group. They use a John Main talk, meditate, and have tea and craic afterwards. It meets on Tuesdays from 1030 in a beautiful building. They are open to visitors. There are also other retreat centers to explore. We are looking for people who may want to come to Northern Ireland for a long or short term mission. Visitation of the elderly and shut-ins is our main assignment but you may have other gifts and Rev Jack is easy to work with. The interns before us were all young adults and worked with youth each for 10 months. McCall also takes interns at Downhill Hostel.

Since our thanksgiving newsletter, we had snow

for almost a month which turned to ice. It chilled down to -3 to +3 Celsius. We delivered traybakes to our visitation list and received many Christmas cards. Thanks for taking the trouble, we treasured every one. Our first visitor from College Ave church came on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and we made a short trip to Scotland. It looked like a Christmas card scene. The problem with traveling in that kind of scenery is you can’t see much, or go very fast or very far. Next time we will go south, although we heard Cork got snow too.

Besides the Cornerstone community we learned more about Corrymeela by staying overnight. We also discovered the Lamb of God Community

which is also close by. They host the meditation time. All of these groups value reconciliation. We will continue to assist with the Cross Border class at The Vine Centre. The Shankill Ministry Fellowship meetings continue to draw a dozen or more Christian leaders in the community and we are planning a walk and rally for Easter. Through

