



Dec 2020

Dear Friends,

Well, a rather different year from the one we all expected! As we look back, I wonder what stands out...I wonder how we feel about the coming year? We know for many this has been a very difficult time and there are many unknowns ahead. But we have also heard of and experienced good things and personally we have much to be thankful for.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your faithful prayer, support and friendship through this past year. We have witnessed so many answers to prayer and do thank you for your part in this.

At the first 'Christmas', the angels came to insignificant people, near a small, insignificant town, but with an incredibly significant message: *'Good news of great joy, which would be for all people'*. What a privilege to be involved in the lives of our teams in Africa as they continue to share this Good news and encourage others in this privilege.

So, over the past few months



- our **leaders and teams** in the different countries have persevered well, despite various challenges and with quite a few members still in passport countries. We are **praying that doors will open** again in 2021 for **members to fly back** into the ministry countries. Sadly, the **new Directors for BCS** were not able to leave Australia and the school is praying again for leaders for Sept 2021.
- our **Africa media team, MARC**, led a series of online teachings for WEC colleagues and for nationals. David was pleased to have attended
- **From ACTS 13**, Africa Membership: **Angama and Aster**, from Ethiopia, arrived in Guinea-Bissau on 10 December. **Aloyes and Aline**, from Burundi started their online Orientation course, in French
- **we found ourselves stre...tched**, learning new elements of zoom and video-ing...,so good, if a little traumatic at times!
- the **WEC UK online conference** which we attended, was excellent in so many ways
- **David** has enjoyed being **an online mentor** for a Bible course, connecting with many from Africa

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- **Margie** learnt loads while taking part in a course on **reaching M ladies of the Diaspora**
- **the family** has done well; good holidays enjoyed in Shropshire and Spain! We are so looking forward to meeting with them all on Christmas Day. Sadly, we will not be seeing David's father and Elizabeth, but they will be with David's sister and husband.
- we have both appreciated our ministry with **Galeed and the Church**, while still in Sheffield, though in different ways from last year! We are rejoicing that our temporary Vicar has been appointed for a further 3 years.

Looking ahead a little

- Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and South Africa are expecting a **new workers** in the new year
- we are praying about a **possible visit** to Gambia in February?????
- we continue praying in earnest, with Hans and Elfi, **for successors** for us all. We feel it is time to finish this role in 2022.

(photo- thanks to Ruth



With our love and best wishes for the peace and Joy of Jesus this Christmas and Hope for the New Year

David and Margie

