

## ***Fowey Fables – August 2002***

Every year in December when the busyness of the year is over, in a fit of enthusiasm, I write a newsletter and even include Christmas greetings. Then the demands of a new year overwhelm us and nothing happens until about July when some letters are finally posted. The result is that most people who want to know what is going on around the Lodge don't. Some years ago I used to produce Fowey Fables as a monthly news sheet for those more closely involved who wanted to be kept in regular touch. It seems like a good idea to revive.

By far the easiest way to get this letter to you, if you want it, would be by e-mail. The IT revolution has captured many of us who swore never to meddle with computers. If you have an e-mail address and would like to hear from us, let me know on jahanne@clear.net.nz. I promise not to send you any viruses!

***Bible School*** is into the third term for the year with about 140 students from 12 countries, the biggest number at present being from South Korea. Around 20 students live in under the care of Frank and Marylace. Tutorials are working well so that each student meets one staff member as part of a group of up to ten each week. The challenge is to find enough Korean speaking tutors, to provide English classes for those whose English is limited and to cope with the mountain of administration.

***Precept*** is part of the Bible School programme but there are also a growing number of groups for outsiders. A new Korean language group has started led by Helen Han and is proving popular. Barbara is planning a Precept leaders training workshop for the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October which I will lead. It will be based on the life of Abraham. Join us if you can.

***CNEC*** has introduced us to some wonderful Christian leaders from around the world over the last few years. This week we have another remarkable visitor, Bishop Andrew Wawa, from Sudan who has led his people spiritually through years of terrible civil war and famine. He will be speaking this week in the main house on Wednesday at 7.30pm. You will be sorry if you miss hearing him.

***Water Weeks*** will be on again this summer. We would love to hear from those who want to come and help us. We plan to be based on Ponui Island again. We have been able to acquire a 30 foot yacht appropriately named Spirit which will be our flag ship.

***The Building Project in Fiji*** last month went well so that Muanicula has a new student kitchen and the foundation for a meeting house. We hope to finish it off soon and hold training courses by the end of the year.

***Incite*** is the name of a new Christian magazine Nick and a friend launched this year. The first edition was well received and number 2 is now hot off the press. Let him know if you would like to receive it.

***Friday Night Youth Group*** is also Nick's responsibility. A great little group of 10-13 year olds are getting to know each other and Jesus.

*Past students* send us news. Amiel is back in the Philippines helping his father plant churches in Mindanao. Samuel Dasi is home in India and launching a new work in a neighbouring town. Jampani also in India has faced personal tragedy but is coping in Christ. Adrian and Debbie were married in Brazil last month and are immensely happy. John Wandera in Uganda has immensely ambitious plans to plant many new churches, train leaders and provide for orphan children, in which we want to play a bigger part.

*Chris* has her hands very full managing both the property and the medical practice. Huma has helped Ruth run the office since Ruth's latest baby was born in April. She has just got engaged to a fine young Indian pastor, Navis.

I have just been reading the powerful reminder at the end of the book of Jude, verses 17-23, where he urges us to 'pray in the Spirit' so that on the one hand we will grow in our faith with a sharp grasp of the truth and a clear recognition of false teaching but at the same time a deep love, mercy and patience for those who are confused which leads us to seek to rescue them without getting sucked into the same mistakes. This is a hard balance to maintain. In fact it is impossible unless the Lord does it in us.

Thank you for all your help and encouragement to us. Keep in touch with us but above all keep in touch with the Lord.

Our love,

Tony and Chris