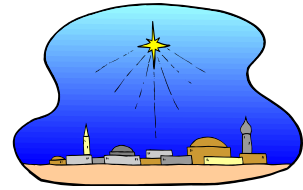


Christmas 2003



Hello to all our friends and family! Here follows some of what has been going on with the Townsends:-

First, as you can see by the address – we have moved. We have often thought of moving and at one time we had hoped to go further out of Aberdeen to a more rural setting – that did not materialise but we now have a lovely house 3 miles nearer the city of Aberdeen!! – but it has a rural feel, as at the back of the house we have fields, and from the front we have lovely views to the hills! We are very thankful to God for our home and now we haven't down sized so you can come and stay.

Our family – Susannah (25) spent 5 months in Toronto, Canada this year. She did a course at the Vineyard Church there and then spent a month in the Dominican Republic on a mission. She had a great time, made lots of new friends and learnt a lot spiritually. She's now back in Manchester working for the Home Office.

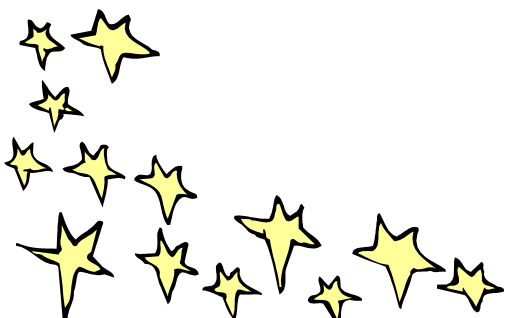
Tim (21) is in his 3rd year doing Management studies at Aberdeen University. He has a part time job at Big W which opened in the summer. He and Andrea got engaged earlier in the year, hoping to get married in 2005.

Naomi (18) left school in June. She did very well in Physics & Biology exams. She became increasingly uncertain of what she wanted to do at University – she had offers for Art and Biology. Consequently she decided to take a year out. In January, she and 2 friends from school are going to Australia for 7 months including a visit to Thailand. They are going to travel and work. Since July she has been working in John Lewis for a time and continuing her job at the Westhill Hotel raising funds for the trip! She has worked very hard. Just before Christmas last year she passed her driving test – that has been a big help.

Steve and I continue working hard!! We continue to be active in the Westhill & Kingswells church. I (Jenny) helped at a Holiday Bible Club in Laurencekirk (about 25 miles from Aberdeen) in the summer. Next year we hope to have one in Kingswells. Steve is on the Diocese Faith and Order Task group which discusses issues facing the Episcopal Church.

May you experience God's love & peace in our ever-changing world.

Love from Steve, Jenny, Susannah, Tim & Naomi



*For to us a child is born,
and He will be called, Wonderful
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9v6*

