



## Townsend's News 2008

Well it's great to begin to receive news from friends and family - so here is ours.

Steve & Susannah have both had a milestone birthday this year!

Steve was 60 in July. We were in the Lake District and Susannah, Tim & Naomi arrived as a surprise! I knew about it, but it was great to see the 'plan' happen. It was lovely to spend a couple of days together as a family. Steve and I were away for 2 weeks - the first week at Loch Earn and the second by Ullswater. We took the sailing dinghy with us and had some good times out on the water.

Susannah was 30 in November. She had a party with a 'S' theme and she was quite amazed at the different costumes being worn. She has spent some time decorating her bedroom and hallway this year - both quite big projects. Also she passed her Grade 5 piano exam.

Tim moved into a flat in Westhill earlier in the year. As we live just 2 or 3 miles away we were able to help him decorate his room. Since then he's decorated the lounge. He has started to learn to drive recently.

Naomi passed her finals in Psychology in June but the graduation ceremony wasn't until November. It was a lovely occasion in Chester Cathedral. Afterwards we had a lovely meal out and Susannah joined us. Naomi is off on her travels again - this time working as a chalet assistant in Les Arcs for the winter season.

Steve plans to work part time from next October, which will give him more time to write and do the ironing etc?! If you would like a copy of his first book 'The Star of Persia', it is available on Amazon or Lulu. He continues to be an elder in the church and has responsibility for all age services as well as preaching occasionally. Another project this year was to repaint the boat - it does look good.

I continue to work 3 days a week as a support for learning teacher. In the summer I was involved in a Holiday Club in Cullen - a town 1.5 hrs from Aberdeen. It was good fun working with an enthusiastic team and some lovely kids. At church I help in the Sunday School - I must like kids! - as well as being involved with practical care which includes folk in the community and church members.

We celebrated my Mum and Dad's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with them in September which was very special. It was good to see family and friends again.

Looking over the year we are reminded again of God's faithfulness to us.

We pray that at this time of Christmas and in the coming year you will know God's peace and joy even though we live in a world that is so uncertain.

Love from

Steve & Jenny

