

## Townsend's Christmas News 2011

Here's a few bits of news to keep you up to date with how the Townsends are doing!

**Steve** - retired at the end of January! For the first few months he was fairly busy at church as our minister was off sick. He often visits the auction rooms in Aberdeen and has come home with some interesting items some of which are sold on via Ebay. In the nicer weather he discovered some new walks around here. Anyway he's always busy doing something - no time to miss work!

**Jenny** - continues to teach 3 days a week. I helped with the Holiday Club at our church this past summer but planning to lead one elsewhere next year. I've recently decorated one of the rooms in the house and might still be motivated to do more in the new year!

We had a lovely holiday in Guernsey this year - it was an interesting place to visit and we did quite a bit of walking - well it seemed a lot for us! In October we had a few days with Jenny's parents in a lodge in Shropshire - a lovely part of the country that we hadn't explored before.

**Susannah** - took voluntary severance from her job and went travelling round part of the Middle East and Eastern Europe - 12 countries in 12 weeks, 2500 pictures and 40 different beds! She had a great time. She is working in a tea room now gaining experience and insight into what owning her own café would be like - something she is wanting to do.

**Tim** - works in Woking in a security and risk assessment company. He recently came back North to do an offshore survival course - hoping to get a job offshore at some point. Next year he is going to Peru to work in an orphanage for 3 weeks.

**Naomi** - has gone back to Uni to do an MSc in Social Work - she is really enjoying the course and being a student again. She has a 3 to 4 month placement in Denmark next year. We often see her as she lives in Aberdeen where she shares a flat with a couple of friends.

Whether this has been a difficult year or a year full of good times for you we do pray that you will know joy and peace as we celebrate Jesus' birth and then move into another year.

