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## Word from Williamsons July 2018

There is nothing quite like connecting with family and friends after a long separation. In May I was able to fly to my home-country, England. (Pictured above is the pier off of which I fished as a young boy with my uncle and cousin -- when the North Sea was a bit calmer!) Though I was asked to go there for "ministry purposes", I was thrilled to get to spend some time with family whom I hadn't seen for several years. Although my time was short and not everything went smoothly, it was a very special time. If I were to name everyone with whom I met and have special ties, this letter would read like the first half of chapter 16 of

Paul's letter to the Romans because there are so many wonderful people I thank God for. They all have had, and still have, an impact on my life.



In my hometown of Sunderland, I was graciously hosted by my cousin Duncan and his wife Margaret. I confess to happily eating everything put in front of me including roast beef and Yorkshire pudding with all the trimmings, peas-pudding and ham sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream, and, of course, the best fish and chips ever!

Basing from there, I was warmly welcomed over the first weekend to speak several times at Bethesda Free Church and then the following weekend at the Hylton Castle Mission. In between, I drove over to the western part of England to spend time at the bedside of my brother Bryn in hospital in Liverpool, where he was to undergo a triple heart bypass. Thankfully, he

has now come through the trauma well and is recovering his strength slowly.



Brothers together again!

From Liverpool I drove to the east coast to North Cotes to meet with several candidates in our NTM European Training Center who are planning

on serving in southeast Asia. I was very impressed by the quality of these new coworkers and their mature approach to the things lying ahead.

From North Cotes it was back north to Sunderland to have time with my sister Dawn, her husband Michael and some of their family. Once again, it was hospital visiting time as my niece, Michelle, lay in hospital after a horrendous hip operation. From childhood she has suffered multiple surgeries as a result of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Rebuilding her hip again will hopefully reduce her pain and restore mobility.



I love my little sister Dawn!



Michelle is one courageous young woman who gets on with life without fuss!

Prior to my England trip, I was in Missouri for a workshop for church planting and language acquisition consultants. We gathered to improve our own understanding of worldview analysis issues in order that we might be able to help our global teams sharpen their focus. Reaching a deeper understanding of these things and applying the light of Truth will result in a deeper level of maturity in the Church over the long term.

Now Cherri would like to get in a few words! So:

*June was a special time for Barrie and I as we were able to see both our children and all of our grandchildren! Jodi and Jason arrived from Indonesia two days before Barrie arrived home from England. They were here for about two weeks before leaving for Canada. It's hard to believe*

*that our second grandchild will be starting college the end of next month!  
Congratulations, Lexie Olver! (She's the one beside me.)*



*Jason and Jodi's oldest, Jaalah, (next to Jason) surprised them by flying out from Alabama (where she just finished her second year of college) to surprise her family when they arrived in the States!*

*After Jason and Jodi and family left, we flew to Florida to spend a few days with our son David and his sons. It's always bitter-sweet — sweet to be with them, but so hard to leave!*



*David with Morgan (14) and Ryder (10).*



*Jakob (17!) is now the same height as his Grandpa!*

*Some may remember I fractured my toe badly over six months ago. Because my x-ray a month ago showed there was STILL no sign of any healing, surgery was scheduled for tomorrow (July 20th). I requested one more x-ray last week which the doctor agreed to. So at my "pre-op" appointment we were both pleasantly (that's an understatement on my part!) surprised to see that healing has finally begun! So — my surgery was canceled! I thank God for this answer to prayer, and I thank you for your prayers.*

*My dad had a heart catheterization a week ago and we're thankful that his valve, though not working properly, is not yet bad enough to require replacement at this time. He continues, though, to struggle with light-headedness, fatigue and unsteadiness on his feet.*



*Dad and Mom were so happy to see their Olver great-grandchildren again!*

**Join us in praying for:**

- Barrie's upcoming travels to southeast Asia in August (More info on this next month.)
- Cherri's toe fracture to heal completely as well as the nerve damage
- Cherri's father's health

Thank you so much for your love, support, prayers and encouragement!

Love,  
*Barrie and Cherri*