

# **Andrew & Lyn Ramsey July Update**



Dear friends,

Greetings from Preston!

Our six-month furlough is now almost over and, as we remember the happy time we spent with you and your church, we wanted to make contact again to bring you up to date with our activities and plans.

**CHANGED DATES** - Actually, we should have left for Zambia last Monday, 20th July, but we had a setback when I (Lyn) was recalled for further tests after a routine mammogram. The appointment had to be on 21st July and it would have been foolish to ignore the recall. We thank God that, on further investigation, nothing sinister was found and I was given the all-clear. Our insurance should cover some of the costs involved in the flight changes. We'll now be travelling on 28th July. We're looking forward to being back in Ndola again.

**CHURCH VISITS** – We have enjoyed very much all our church visits during the past few months. Our two weeks in Northern Ireland in March constituted our fullest itinerary. Most of our other ministry, apart from local church housegroups, has been on Sundays. We've travelled up and down England a few times. During one long weekend, we covered about 750 miles!

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** – On May 21st, I reached a 'mature' age! Now both of us could enjoy free swims, free bus rides and discounted meals, etc. On Sat 23rd, we had a 'mystery day out' with all our close family – five children, their spouses and six grandchildren. With me blindfold, we were driven to the first venue, which turned out to be our son Chris's house, where all 16 family members were waiting to greet us. We had a lovely day out together, blessed with some rare sunshine that month. We thank God for the precious family He has given us and for all their love and kindness. (Three more grandchildren are on the way!)

**HOLIDAY** - We had a wonderful ten days in Greece at the end of May/early June, staying on the island of Sifnos in the beautiful villa owned by Andrew's sister Pam and husband Bernard. This is very close to the beach, so I was able to swim in the sea to my heart's content. Andrew is a less keen swimmer, but he enjoyed relaxing, reading and using the nearby open-air internet café to do his emails, etc. We also had use of a jeep to explore the island. Before flying back to UK, we fitted in an unforgettable morning of sightseeing in Athens.

**CAM OFFICE** – In June/July, while Ivor and Doreen Pepper were in Canada for a month, seeing their daughter and family, we covered their work in the CAM Office. Andrew has also been scanning and archiving on computer old CAM documents. I've had to carry on with editing 'Contact', CAM's monthly magazine.

**FUND-RAISING** - To help raise funds for our work in Zambia, we have held car boot sales at Preston's outdoor market - two in June and one on 16th July. Church friends have rallied round and donated a wide range of goods, from clothes, books and bric-a-brac to golf clubs and binoculars. We've had a good team to help us and we have managed to raise £850 altogether.

**KEY WORKERS IN ZAMBIA** – News from Zambia is encouraging. Danny will graduate on Saturday 25th July (we are so sorry we won't be back in time for this). Agnes reports that her husband is much better (he has diabetes and high BP) and her little 'flock' has started building a church with burnt bricks. Pastor Chelu, and Ziso and Nicky have all been involved in a recent local church crusade held at the nearby council flats. We sense that things are moving on. Keep praying!

We will send an update later when we are settled back in Zambia. We send our love and thanks for all your interest and support. It means so much.

Loving wishes, Andrew & Lyn