

"For yet a little while, *And* He who is coming will **come** and will not **tarry**. Heb 10:37

Dear Family and friends,

In mid January, 2022, Ellen and I will celebrate 50 years marriage. I wish to acknowledge God's grace in our lives as we look back. God has faithfully provided our daily bread, and labour to enjoy over the years. As Solomon said "Nothing is better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God." Eccl 2:24.

Covid has had little impact on us. My work with ASReml and Echidna has continued as well as opportunities to teach Scripture at Cargo, and in the assembly. Only a few have met with us in the assembly but we have had a few children to teach and encourage to believe in the Lord.

FM1035 (formerly Rhema) Orange has continued to broadcast my daily readings although I am no longer involved with the committee. Lois has uploaded many readings to YouTube and they are also accessible at www.orangeassembly.com.au. I am currently recording Ecclesiastes hence the quotation above. As Solomon reviewed life, despite having achieved everything that anyone has ever desired, he became disillusioned. His death would be just the same as the fool who had achieved nothing. All he had would be left to others and be lost, he would be forgotten. It is only with Jesus, the greater Son of David, that life has meaning. As Peter wrote "10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be  11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." 2 peter 3:10-13.



Ellen spent her 72nd birthday in hospital having her right hip replaced. She is not as mobile as she was though with chronic arthritic pain. Otherwise, we have remained well. We have watched out grandchildren grow up over Skype. Only 1 (Theo) remains in Primary School. Poest and Daisy have left school. Julie-Ann and Keith partnered with Andrew to help him buy a house at Easter time. We look forward to all meeting in person in the Hunter in January.

And so we look forward to what God has in store for us in 2022.

May you also receive grace and mercy at His hand.

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