

# Henry's Happenings May 2022

Dear Family and Friends,

The month of May has just come around again and with it the signs of Spring, and the slightly warmer and drier weather. This month of course brings the opportunity to remember and celebrate Nancy's life. It is hard to believe that it is now over three years since she was promoted to the presence of Jesus. My memories are precious and good, and include the sound of her laugh. I thank the Lord for her, and her love for Him.

Late last month another great saint and influence in my life, my father's younger brother Fergus was called home, just shy of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. My first memory of Uncle Fergus was when I was sent home on my own from Africa at the age of five. The flight attendant walked me down the steps of the plane on to the runway in Belfast, and there was Uncle Fergus, his arms open wide. He was always welcoming, encouraging and kind.

There have been others over these past months in my circle of friends who have been called home. All of this has reminded me of the brevity of life, and only what's done for and in Christ will last. May our lives have an urgency that keeps us focused on Jesus and pressing on in Him, but ... and this is a big ... may it not be simply activity or busyness! Rather, that which flows from Christ in us, at work through us. This of course comes through our abiding in Him, taking on His yoke and learning from Him. So, my learning continues ...

March provided me the opportunity to visit my daughter Lena in the Czech Republic. She has now been there three years and is talking about returning to Canada next year and getting into the schooling system there. She had also moved house with her co-worker Jen and I wanted to see her new place, as well as introduce her to Silvia. It was Silvia's first visit to Czechia and we enjoyed our time with Lena.



Later during this trip Silvia and I got engaged! We are planning to get married in Bülach Switzerland on July 23<sup>rd</sup> the week after Daniel and Jasmine get married (July 16) in Malaga Spain. All my family are coming and will fly into Spain and home from Switzerland! Silvia and I are planning then in September to be ready to travel together to Asia, to help get the agricultural project up and running. Our plans are to work there for a year. All of this is taking place in the midst of a busy schedule for both of us, with conferences in which we take part, in May, June and August. Please do continue to

pray for us as we plan and prepare for our wedding in July. We know that He is leading us in all of this, but there is a lot to prepare and legal papers to obtain etc.! May we rest and abide in Him.

On May 23 we fly to Canada so Silvia can meet the rest of my family. Silvia will return on June 9 to Switzerland and I will stay on to speak at the Canada mission conference. I return on June 20 to pack and prepare my house to rent out. I will then fly in early July to officiate at Daniel and Jasmine's wedding.

With thanks for all your support, prayers and encouragement,

*Henry*

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