

# Gareth and Malou's 2009 END OF THE YEAR SUMMARY

I have selected only one highlight (a painful decision at times!) from each month of AD 2009.

For those interested in statistics, we slept in 59 beds and also took 59 flights. Gareth spoke on 280 occasions and together we ministered in 16 countries: Andorra, Denmark, England, France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Macao, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Serbia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Wales.

**January:** Visiting **Italy** once again gave many opportunities to fellowship with/and encourage local groups of believers. We have accepted an invitation for a longer visit in 2010 which will include weekend seminars in a couple of churches.

**February:** Our first UK AMEN day was a great success. Hosted by our local Anglican church, it included some on location video reports, a great lunch and corporate prayer. The icing on the cake was having one of our AMEN Indian partners present. The next event: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**March:** At HUB (**Belgrade** Bible School) Gareth taught Isaiah in the mornings and a mission's course to graduates in the afternoons. Malou spoke at a number of ladies' meetings which were very well received. With other church meetings, it made for an intense but fulfilling time.

**April:** It was a rough two-day voyage on *MV Doulos* from the **Philippines** for our first visit to **Taiwan**. The evangelistic International Night was attended by over 1200 people and all were given response forms to complete. Malou spoke at a conference entitled 'foreign wives'.

**May:** About 2300 people attended the International Night in the port of Hualien, **Taiwan**. A local church had prepared all the follow-up materials and provided all the counsellors. At the conclusion, the counselling tables were surrounded with people talking and praying.

**June:** The highlight of this month was undoubtedly our first visit to **New Zealand**. The mixture of visiting friends (some stretching back over 30 years), speaking in about 20 meetings and seeing the sights could not have been better. The scenery was quite spectacular.

**July:** The only opposition we experienced in our visit to three AMEN projects in **India** and **Pakistan** came in the form of a relentless bombardment of insects one evening. However, it was a small sacrifice to pay when a number of nominal Christians professed faith in Jesus.

**August:** The delightful setting of the Christian run Paladina hotel in **Switzerland** gave the opportunity to speak each day on the subject, '*How to make a difference in the world*'. A team was simultaneously running a programme for the parents' children.

**September:** Little did we realise that shortly after our second successful ATOM trip to the **Philippines**, the nation would be visited by devastating floods. AMEN set up an emergency relief effort and we were able to help in many ways including distributing 100 water filters.

**October:** The trip with the 50+ Brits visiting the seven churches of Revelation in **Turkey** went well. Each evening, Gareth spoke from the New Testament about the church that we had visited earlier that day. On Sunday, we also attended a recently planted local church.

**November:** Despite being a little jet lagged on our return from India, the Men's Day conference held in St Ives, Cornwall, saw a number stand to make a fresh commitment at the close of the three sessions. Local church services on the Sunday were also well received.

**December:** Three consecutive Sundays at a local church provided the unique opportunity for some consecutive expositional ministry in the UK. It not only gave the speaker the chance to connect more closely with a church, but the feedback afterwards was very encouraging.

**Coming in the next 5 months:** Two weeks in **Serbia** including meetings at Novi Sad Christian Fellowship  
Six weeks with Logos Hope in **Jamaica, the Bahamas and Bermuda**  
A weekend visit to AMEN's growing work amongst gypsies in **Romania**  
A week on the island of Mull, **Scotland**, with ministry at Mull Baptist Church