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*And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Rev. 22:2b*

*Make every effort to live at peace with all, and to be holy; without holiness no-one will see the Lord. Heb.12:14*

Prayerfully Serving the Church in Leadership and Peacemaking

### Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from us both!

It is far too long since our last newsletter, but that is no indication that nothing has been happening in our lives and with the Moringa ministry! In December, the theme was mainly love: God's love for us, and our love for Him and for others, as the motivation for all we do.

This issue, our theme is peace and holy living, which reflect the emphasis of much that has occupied our time and energy since last we wrote. We thank God that we both have had a full and fulfilling programme this year. Some of the highlights are...

Helping **plan and coordinate** the visit of Adrian and Bridget Plass, who brought wonderful insights from their lives into our hearts, reflected in the 40+ books Adrian has written, with side-splitting humour to boot!

**Teaching/Preaching:** Still ministering to the CCF Filipino congregation in Parramatta, preaching fairly regularly and officiating at a wedding. We have also had invitations to preach at other churches, including Dulwich Hill Anglican, with Newcastle Baptist Tabernacle coming up, as well as a church house party/camp for the Chinese Central Baptist church.

**Leading a seminar** for singles for the Filipinos

**Coaching/Mediating** in a sad church conflict, bringing to bear the peacemaking principles we have learned and been trained for, in a complex, demanding and draining situation.

**Mentoring** several men to encourage and support them in their Christian journey, ranging from pastors to professionals. Kathi has similar

opportunities in her contacts with women while we both continue to be in contact with many missionaries by letter and email, nurturing and encouraging them in what is often a lonely vocation.

**Ministering through other organisations:** Both of us continuing to serve with Overseas Council in different capacities, as they seek to support pastors and students in the majority world to obtain higher qualifications. David has been part of OCA's Pasifika Strategy team, recently visiting Bible Colleges in the Cook Islands and Tahiti, while Kathi continues to serve OCA's Chairman in handling the details of his bookings and travel programme. [www.overseascouncil.com.au](http://www.overseascouncil.com.au)



*Eglise Protestante Maohi Tahitian church board—April 2016*

Marking correspondence Bible Courses for prison inmates for the Crossroads Bible Institute is a humbling experience, understanding in some small way what the effects are of being in prison, but also seeing how God touches and transforms lives through the Bible even in jail. [www.crossroadbibleinstitute.org](http://www.crossroadbibleinstitute.org)

**Boards:** Attended a CMA Board meeting in Melbourne preceded by several days extra to visit some wonderful gardens in Victoria, and 3 weeks later shared in the CMA (Christian Ministry Advancement) National Conference, both moderating several electives there. Kathi continues on the CMA Board, while David takes the Board minutes! [www.cma.net.au](http://www.cma.net.au)

We are also both on the ACF Board, a charitable foundation making grants to mainly young people preparing for a range of

*CCF Parramatta Filipino singles seminar—February 2016*



Christian ministries. It is a nice feeling to be able to give away money to good causes such as that!

**Meeting with leaders** such as Gillean Smiley of the Langham Partnership, with Dr Riad Kassis from Syria, coordinating the Langham Scholarship programme.

**Training/reflection:** The Lowy Institute continues to stimulate us with regular outstanding speakers widening our horizons and informing us of current global trends, from Prime Ministers, Presidents and Foreign Ministers, to mention just three.

The world has been going through such turmoil in recent months, and we are so blessed to have the opportunity to serve our God, the unchanging Rock, over these past ten years. As we indicated in our last newsletter,



With Adrian and Bridget Plass—March 2016



Tanya Plibersek, Shadow Foreign Minister—June 2016

we have been encouraged to take an extended 45 days in August-September visiting family, friends, former work colleagues and faithful supporters in Germany, England, Scotland, Boston, Oregon, British Columbia Canada, and California. We are blessed indeed, and are so grateful to have friends like you standing with us.

*David and Kathi Cohen*

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