

**28th February 2017**

We haven't updated for quite a while.

Our social media accounts tend to give a good flavour of what we are up to, so we tend to forget!

We've had a good few months since then! The 'No Limits' Conference was great - a time of building and refreshing, and a clarion call to remember that when it come to faith, additional needs and disability - there are 'no limits'. People are still talking about it and many small groups in this area of ministry have been encouraged to continue what they do or start a new work.

It was lovely to meet with our Children Worldwide family in January, this time as members rather than leaders (pewh!) It's also been a joy and delight to see the 'FaithFull Generation' project finally launched at the Hand in Hand conference in February, and the 2nd of the "Let's Talk Family" get togethers well attended with great conversations. You can now buy the 'FaithFull Generation' book that starts the conversations surrounding resilient faith in children. (buy the kindle version here: <http://amzn.to/2l7ALPB>)

The Additional Needs Alliance has grown so much over the last year - more than any of us could have imagined! It's one of those rare facebook groups that is always growing and always has current posts and conversations. A group of us will be meeting in March to pray about what the future holds for not just the ANA, but those of us involved in this sort of work. We hope to have a new website for the ANA launched very soon.

My lovely hubby Steve has been busy too. Last November he enrolled in a mentoring course in Birmingham with Moorlands. He completed his first assignment with good marks and is now working through his second (much longer) assignment.

We continue to work together too! Local assemblies are always fun - we're currently working through stories from Elisha. A couple of weeks ago,

whilst out for a meal celebrating a friends birthday, we were recognised by the man behind the bar as going into his school when he was in primary school! I have been going into that particular school each term for 25 years - Steve joining me in this when he went full time around 17 years ago. We still get spotted by children in our local town.... and even miles away sometimes. We can't misbehave anywhere!

It was our 21st wedding anniversary on the 24th - I blogged about it on my personal blog on the day - the link to that blog is on the right of this page. We are so thankful to have each other, and the ability to laugh everyday.

Our last update talked about the financial issues to do with travel expenses and the work I do. A couple of 'one off' gifts have helped with costs in the last three months of last year, for which I am very grateful. I'm desperately trying to persuade people not to have all their meetings in London, but for others (not wheelchair users and not travelling by East Midland Trains) - it's the best and cheapest place to meet.

Thanks to the kindness of friends, I have managed to book my next meeting whilst I'm already in the south - ticket prices from Hassocks are a quarter of the cost from Leicester for the same amount of time on the train. BUT, this next trip means travelling with Southern trains, whose track record for delivering good wheelchair assistance is appalling! So please pray for me on the 14th March, that I would be one of the rare statistics and the assistance would work well. East Mid trains may be expensive, but their wheelchair assistance is brilliant.

What I didn't say in the last update is - I am, because of cost, turning down all of the conferences that would be a help to me in the work I do (That is - the conferences I'm not working at but ones that would 'feed' me and help me be part of the wider conversation in children's work). I've had to say a categorical no to all invites to key conferences abroad. There

is just no way we could in all conscience pay for them, even if we did have the money. I'd love to know how others do this?

Our diary for the next month is now on the diary page - do pray for us, for wisdom and safety.... and any other way the Spirit guides you to pray.  
Many thanks from both of us :o)