



WINTER NEWS

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SNOWFLAKES.

Snowflakes spill from
heaven's hand
Lovely and chaste like
smooth white sand.
A veil of wonder laced in
light
Falling Gently on a
winters night.

Graceful beauty raining
down
Giving magic to the
lifeless ground.
Each snowflake like a
falling star
Smiling beauty that's
spun afar.

Till earth is dressed in a
robe of white
Unspoken poem the
hush of night.

~~By Linda A. Copp.~~

**We love to hear from you
and keep in touch with
how you are doing!
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Dear Friends!

Well we haven't written in a while but we wanted to take the opportunity now to wish you an early Merry Christmas and Happy New Year before we are gone for the holidays!

We had our first snow of the year unexpectedly last Friday and since then it has certainly felt a lot like winter! These past few months have gone by so fast - and we are eagerly anticipating our trip home to NZ coming up on the 17th December for 3 weeks! Now that it is getting closer and closer, it really does feel like it has been 2 1/2 years since we were last there - especially when we hear of all the new developments happening around my parent's house in Tauranga! We are hoping for sunny weather and a great time with family and friends we haven't seen in a long time!! Yay!

Andy and I have been doing well, although at the moment we both have pretty bad colds - me just getting over one and Andy just starting...so we're not very good company for anyone at the moment!

Andy's job has been going really well - he is continuing to enjoy it and is now in charge of all the blackberry's for the Geneva location and has been having fun testing new equipment and getting involved in all things technical! He has been getting stretched a lot too - having to be chairperson for his IT team's video conferencing meetings with their London office 5 times in a row! He's really been getting an opportunity to put his CBVM and APC skills to use and has had a great first year review!

I've been continuing to study Nutritional medicine over the past months, since I started in June and the more I study it the more I enjoy it! I am particularly excited about the fact that I have been able to link up more with my Nutritionist friend, Rachel Temple from England, who came over to Switzerland in September to see a bunch of people who were wanting to have consultations with her! It was a great time, not only in being able to facilitate others, but also that in the process of sitting in on consultations and helping her with them, I have been learning so much as well! It has been the perfect timing in order to help motivate me to study more as I can really see the practical benefits!

On a side note, Andy and I had fun last weekend in a small village up in the hills cooking for an Alpha camp for teenagers! It ended up being quite an eventful trip because the glass in our back window somehow smashed overnight while we were there (it was really cold too! -10c) and we had to stop at a garage where the man knocked the glass all out and then we had to drive back to Geneva with plastic in the empty window, before getting it replaced! But its good to see that our insurance coverage has been worth it this year!! ;-)

Over the next couple of weeks there is a lot happening before we fly out to NZ, I am cooking for the Staff Christmas dinner party at the YWAM campus next week which will be tons of fun and then next weekend we will be going up to Andy's parents near Schaffhausen. It is also a really busy time for me at work as I try and get all the loose ends tied up before I leave and make sure there will be someone to cover my responsibilities for the church. We will also be having our final homegroup with a Christmas party on the 15th, so there is tons to keep us busy and we will be excited to have the holiday!

Heaps of love and blessings to you all and have a wonderful Christmas!!

Rachael & Andy