



2009

WHEN THE TIME HAD FULLY COME, GOD SENT HIS SON, BORN OF A WOMAN: GAL 4:4

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'But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go

forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.' So wrote the prophet, Micah (5:2), several hundred years before the birth of Jesus.

It is a remarkable event. The Son of God, who made his appearance in human history in the incarnation—literally, becoming a human being, real flesh and blood—came to live a perfect life in a fallen, imperfect world. And not just to be a nice example of philanthropic kindness, but to be the substitute sin-bearer in order that guilty human beings could be reconciled to God their Maker.

And so it was that the apostle Paul could write the words of Galatians 4:4 and 5: 'But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.'

The one whose origins are from eternity—his is from everlasting to everlasting—came in space/time history in order to live, suffer, die, rise again and ascend back to glory, in order to purchase for himself all who would turn away from sin and unrighteousness and trust him exclusively to be made right with God.

Are you trusting in Jesus, the only way to God? 'No one comes to the Father except through Me.' (John 14:6).

GLIMPSES FROM 2009

A QUICK YEAR

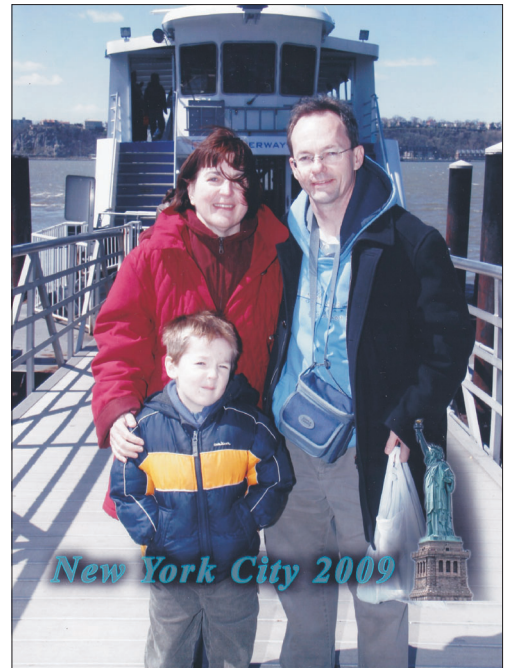
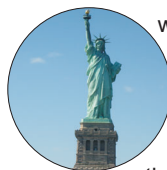
It's been a busy year and seems only to have had about three or four months in it. They say that is a sign of advancing age when the time seems to go so fast!

We thought you might like to see some of our year in pictures, and let you have just a few words to go along with them.

April gave us the opportunity to spend some time in the USA as a family. Visiting America seems to be a frequent occurrence, especially as there are so many opportunities to open up a new market for Day One Publications. In all, there have been five transatlantic visits and I sometimes feel like saying to the border control officials at the airport, 'Hello, it's me again!'

We enjoyed the opportunity of visiting Orlando in sunny Florida and could not resist making the short drive to Kennedy Space Center to take a look around. It was a mind-expanding experience to see the level of energy and investment of expertise that has been made into the various space programs. What vision!

Driving some 2,700 miles, we also revelled in the scenic beauty of the Carolinas, Virginia and parts of Pennsylvania, etc. We enjoyed the Hershey's farm and chocolate factory near Harrisburg and stayed briefly in Princeton near New York. Visiting the Big Apple was also a great experience for us. One of the highlights was a boat trip on the Hudson River, with magnificent views of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. We finished our time in the USA by flying out of Boston.



For the rest, the year has been characterized by the regular events of life—at school, Matthew completed year 1 in June and is now in year 2. He continues to do well in his music lessons and had his first experience of attending a Promenade concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London in August. We do send you our love and very best wishes for a wonderful 2010.

Pictures: Top left to bottom right: Enjoying a pizza; Being a Hershey's factory worker; Birthday: six-years old; Pennsylvania seesaw; Harmonious Hershey's cows help make chocolate; Hudson River tour, New York; Jim and Sue in Florida.
Roundels: Scenic North Carolina; Matthew in space capsule; Statue of Liberty