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Greetings to you all from Australia,

We have begun this letter 3 times and not managed to send it so, while it may be a bit brief this time, we trust it reaches you all without more delays.

Since we last wrote life has been quite eventful both in Spain and here in Australia. We will try and give you a short overview to bring you up to date.

EVENTS OF THE PAST 6 MONTHS

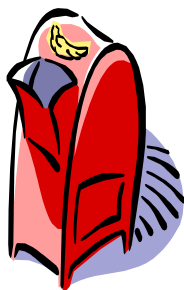
- ❖ An interesting Christmas holiday in England. It took us 19 hours to get from Madrid to our destination due to snow in both Spain and England! We had a good time though and managed to catch up with all the relatives so that they could meet Lucas.
- ❖ A good trip to the Basque Country in January to spend time with colleagues and our former church in San Sebastian. It's great to see the church moving forward with nationals taking key roles in ministry.
- ❖ A visit from Coralie's dad and his friend Jean in March to meet Lucas and help celebrate Lucas' first birthday. We had a family celebration on the actual day and then a special party at the WEC centre in Madrid. All the adults and older children had a good time but Lucas wasn't quite sure what to make of all the fuss!
- ❖ Steve made a quick trip to England in the middle of March to preach at his great aunt's funeral. It was a privilege for him to be able to do this and he also enjoyed re-connecting with cousins.
- ❖ Our annual conference in March during which we were re-elected to continue on as leaders for the coming 3 years. It was a good time of teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship and fun. Our new leadership team has only one change from the last triennium and we are looking forward to working with them all when we return. At the moment they are sharing our responsibilities and doing a good job of keeping things running.
- ❖ In April we packed up all our belongings and left our flat. Our things are currently stored at our team mate's flat and we will begin the search for a new place to live just before returning to Spain at the end of September. This gave us 5 days before leaving to focus on finishing up our jobs well without worrying about packing and cleaning.
- ❖ A good flight to Singapore at the beginning of May. From there we went in different directions. Steve took a flight to Thailand to attend the WEC International leaders conference for two weeks. This is a special event for all leaders, held every 4 years and was a great encouragement and a refreshing time for him. Coralie and Lucas met up with Steve's dad while in Singapore, who accompanied them back to Australia much to Coralie's relief!
- ❖ Coralie went into hospital 10 days after her return to Tasmania for a hysterectomy operation. She is currently recovering well and enjoying not being able to do a whole lot! Her catch cry is "I can't do that...I've had major surgery!"
- ❖ Steve arrived back safely from Thailand despite the political turmoil and we have enjoyed a couple of weeks break together in a house sit. This has been interspersed with the many appointments we have had ie medical, teeth, eyes etc. We're getting our cholesterol checked at the beginning of our time back in Australia on this occasion...it's not usually so good by the time we leave and have partaken of all the edible delights we can't get in Spain!
- ❖ Lucas' adjustment to Australia and the extended family has been a highlight. He's enjoying all the space, new people and ice cream!

As we write this we are preparing our presentations and just beginning our meetings with supporting churches. We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming few months. Please see attached our itinerary.

Our paraphrase of Philippians 1:3-5 encompasses how we feel about the support and encouragement from so many of you.

We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...

With love,
Steve, Coralie and Lucas



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June	
June 8 th	Ladies meeting in Launceston.
June 14 th – 20 th	Meetings with Ulverstone Baptist Church; Steve preaching on 20 th and together sharing in an informal service in the evening with mid week meetings.
June 21 st – 27 st	Travelling to Hobart to share at meetings during the week and on the Sunday at St. Clement's Anglican Church, Kingston.
June 28 th – 30 th	3 day holiday with Steve's family.
July/August	
July 2 nd -	Sharing with the Seniors at Ulverstone Baptist Church
July 4 th	Sharing at 'Cross Connections' (house church) in Launceston.
July 5 th – 11 th	Sharing with groups from Romaine Park Christian Church during the week with Steve preaching on the 11 th .
July 12 th	Fly to Sydney to spend time with Coralie's family.
July 20 th	Coralie sharing at a women's meeting from St. Paul's Anglican Church, Gymea.
July 24 th	Sharing at a missionary prayer group for Central Baptist, Sydney
July 25 th	Steve preaching at a St Paul's Anglican, Gymea 7:45AM; 9:30AM and 7PM
July 29 th – August 4 th	Family holiday in Evans Head, NSW
August/September/October	
August 7 th	A Spanish evening with St Paul's Gymea
August 8 th	Preaching at Central Baptist Church in Sydney.
August 12 th	Sharing at WEC Headquarters in Sydney
August 13 th	Sharing at a WEC prayer group in Newcastle
August 14 th	Sharing at a WEC prayer group in Seven Hills
August 20 th - Sep 6 th	Travel to Melbourne
August 22 nd	Preaching at Kilsyth South Baptist and mid week meeting
August 29 th or 5 th	St Georges Anglican Church, Monbulk
September 6 th	Fly back to Tasmania for a 3 weeks prior to leaving.
September 11 th	Coralie to speak at Ulverstone Baptist women's breakfast
September 21 st	Speaking at World View
September 27 th	Coralie to share at women's meeting at Ulverstone Baptist.
September 29 th	Leave Australia
October 2 nd	Arrive in Spain!