

Douma's 2010 update:

Dear family and friends,

We greet you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ who's Name we celebrate especially at this season of the year. We trust that you are celebrating this too with great joy and in expectation of His coming again. We certainly are experiencing a whiter Christmas than we are used to over the last years.

The year 2010 is the first of the last 27 years that we have not spent time in Africa. This means that we could spend more time doing things in Canada with family and friends. We did get a chance to get away from winter in March, we went Motor-homing down south, went to the wedding of Jeff and Michaela Tenkink in Phoenix Arizona. Then we visited family and friends along the western coast of California, Oregon, Washington State, then on to a Douma reunion in BC.

By the time we got back to Sask the snow was gone and farmers were at work on their fields. We landscaped our yard but the rains and the weeds prevented us from getting grass in before our flight to Ontario to spend a month with our children, the Smith and VanderLinde families. We had a month of lovely spring weather. We also had a chance to take in the wedding of our nephew's daughter and visit family and friends in Michigan.

We returned to Waldheim just in time to prepare for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. This was a wonderful event having most of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and many friends from the area. We are very thankful to God for family and friends that made this such a memorable occasion.

We both had the privilege of participating in the 58<sup>th</sup> Waldheim Missions Conference. This four day conference promotes and supports many missions worldwide. It is wonderful to witness and see many missionaries sent out from this area.

The rest of our summer consisted of some fishing, family outings; a nephew's wedding and attended a Gospel Jamboree in Manitoba. The rest of our summer was spent finally getting our lawn planted. Don helped some farmers take their crops off. This was quite a challenge with record rainfall and cool weather. It made us think of our early farming days in Manitoba, playing in the mud!

In October we saw and helped Diana, Greg and family move from London Ontario into a lovely home in Calgary. God has been so good to them by providing such a beautiful home overlooking the city. We are now spending Christmas and New Years with them. Greg's brother and family, and three of Diana's sisters will be spending time here as well. We are enjoying our new home and the friendship of the Waldheim community. We do find the weather on the cool side, especially this year, making us miss SA that much more.

Speaking of SA, the work we started continues to flourish; God is so good. We keep in touch with Robert

and the news is always so encouraging. They have expanded the work to include many more hectares with many new crops such as pineapples, pomegranates, mangoes and dates. We are also encouraged by the spiritual growth and church attendants in the area. They now have moved out of the training centre into a lovely new church building, holding about 450 people. When God's work moves ahead, the evil one is sure to be there to cause strife. Some of the new converts have and are being persecuted by their families and cultural spiritual powers. If at all possible we hope to visit them next winter.

Thank you for your past support and continued love shown towards us. May God bless you this season and the coming year 2011.

In Christ's love,  
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