

## Friendship Moments

Special Friends we visited in Texas last January – We went for Betty's wedding to John Watson, and then enjoyed reunions with some other friends while we were in Texas.

**Betty Welliver** was a single missionary, teaching children for outreach with Black Forest Christian Mission, when we first met her in 1970, as we started Alpine Christian Mission and came to Germany to follow up on Ed Faust's radio contacts in southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Betty met and married a Christian military man, David Lloyd Thomas while in Germany, and we were witnesses at their wedding. Lloyd and Betty became faithful supporters and prayer partners for our Overseas Outreach, but his health declined drastically in the last few years of their marriage, and he went to our Lord Jesus in October of 2017.

John's first wife, Fran, was a classmate of Betty's at Ozark Bible College, and she had become one of her close friends. Fran went Home to Jesus in January of 2018. Thus, John and Betty had known each other for many years, but got re-acquainted at the "Your Mission Matters" Conference in Branson, Missouri, in June of 2018. Betty had invited us to be her guests at that conference, so that is when we met **John Watson** and began to develop our friendship with him too.

Last November, we attended the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) in Cincinnati with John and Betty – and also went with them to see the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter just south of Cincinnati. During that time John also became a good friend of ours – and that is when Betty and John invited us to come to their wedding in Texas in January 2019. What special friends! What a special time!



**Clint Jones** was an army man stationed in Germany for a couple of years (about 1974 – 1976, I think), and he became a vital part of our Christian Coffee House ministry in Heilbronn. We saw God transform lots of lives through that outreach, and Clint Jones is the man who led Jeff Finder to the Lord. When the chaplain at the army base neglected to baptize Jeff, I taught Clint how to baptize him, and we headed to the river with a few other believers. When Clint put Jeff under the water, the current caught him and started pulling him downstream. We formed a life-chain to pull him out. Jeff just grinned, put up his hands and said that if he had drowned – "What a way to go!" 😊



Clint is now a husband, father, grandfather, minister of the gospel and church planter, with the heart of a pastor and an evangelist. **Clint and Debra** met at a youth retreat when they were just kids, became sweethearts, and now remain sweethearts after 40 years of marriage. Clint and I had not seen each other for 42 years. I'm so glad to know how God is using him. His vision for the new church plant in north Houston is to grow as a microcosm picture of God's church portrayed in Revelation 7:9: "of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" – plus being multi-generational. From what I observed at their Thursday evening Bible study, where Clint invited me to teach, they have a good start already. Please pray!

By the way, Clint is the one who showed me his worn copies of "The Calvary Road" and "The Kneeling Christian" and told me that these books I gave him back in 1976 have been a powerful influence in his life. We ordered more copies, and they are available to you free on two conditions: 1. That you read them. 2. That you share them. Your donations for our book ministry are much appreciated but not necessary for you to receive the books. Just ask for them when you contact us.



We told you something about Betty and John, Clint and Debra, and **Tamara and Wade Roye** in our February Prayer Letter under the heading "Trip to Texas" – but we did not show you the pictures then. Also in our March letter under the heading "The Joy and Triumphant Power of Love", we told you of Tamara's journey from tragedy to triumph through the marvelous love of God and His mysterious ways.

Here are the pictures of the Roye family:  
**Tamara & Eve Lillia and Wade & Samuel.**

