

## CHRISTMAS- NEW YEAR LETTER FROM THE HOLBECKS. 2007



Doting (dotty) Grandparents and Emily



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**GREETINGS!** We wish you and your loved ones every blessing over this Christmas-New Year period.

**Looking back over 2007.** April 1 proved to be a great day for us with the birth of our first Grandchild Emily Grace. We were able to be in Melbourne when she was born and so saw her within a few hours of her birth. We went back with Sarah and Andrew and Emily to Birchip for the first couple of weeks of Emily's life and so played our part in "spoiling her rotten" from the very beginning. Even though Sarah and Andrew live more than 17 hours drive away we have been able to see Emily several times through the year and to watch her growing up. Our sons James (in Brisbane) and David and his wife Valerie (Gold Coast) are doing well in Queensland.

**Ministry in Sydney.** The Healing Ministry at the Cathedral invited us to do some ministry through the year as there was no Leader. So it was nice to be able to catch up with friends and to see the Lord at work in bringing blessing to people. A new Leader has recently been appointed and so those invitations may soon come to an end.

**Life at Port Macquarie.** It is nice to be living in our own home at Port. It is also a good place to live. A country town but on the coast. We often take our dog Geordie for a walk on the shore of the Pacific Ocean which is only 300 yards away from our home. Jim has done some preaching in the historic St Thomas Anglican church and has spoken at a couple of ecumenical gatherings as well. At one of those gatherings we were all surprised at what God did in such a short time as people prayed for one other after the message.

**Ministry in Florida.** We returned to All Saints Episcopal church in Winter Park near Orlando for a month of preaching and teaching. It was the eighth time in nine years that we have ministered for a month in the parish. It must have gone well as we have been asked to return for a month in October-November next year. Certainly it was a significant time for us to be there with so much happening in the national Episcopal church. We discovered that Jim's Core Teaching has continued to be taught in the parish and has been taken out to other churches as well. It was a great experience to have attending Jim's teaching seminars this year, people from Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist and many other churches and even some of their full-time ministers as well.

**Looking forward to 2008.** Australia here we come! We are planning to do a round-Australia trip this year beginning from Melbourne and travelling to Perth and round the coast to Darwin and back through western Qld and NSW to Melbourne. It will take about 103 days and will give us some understanding of our own country and its needs. We are looking forward to it after many years of being "flat-out" in our vocations. Hopefully it may allow us to be flat-out (resting) on our vacation.

**The Holbecks have a website.** While we were in Florida a friend in Winter Park offered to set up a website for us. It is presently being developed as <http://holbeckministries.org/> It will eventually have some of my material on it so that people can download it and use for the Kingdom in their own locations.

**Thank you** for your friendship over the years and we trust that this coming year of 2008 may bring wonderful blessings in the lives of all of us. We will certainly be praying that way.

Yours in His amazing love

Jim and Carole