



THE HOLYDES



ENJOYING A FUN FAMILY DAY IN BRIGHTON!

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This has been an amazing year! God has blessed us so much! In January we began having regular Sunday services in our home. We enjoyed the sweet fellowship each week and yummy soup lunches afterward. Soon, however, we had grown out of our reception rooms and needed somewhere larger to meet. On Easter Sunday we began meeting at an Anglican church closer to Camden Town. What a gift to have more room to grow...and we have been blessed to

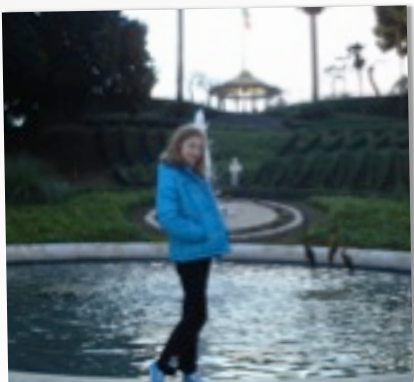
see more people coming consistently, but even more importantly growing in their relationship with Christ.

Our first baptism took place this year as well. We all got a bit wet in the damp weather, but we enjoyed baptizing six beautiful believers in the chilly waters of Brighton.

While Antonye has been busy with the various Bible studies during the week, discipleship, and Sunday service, the

girls have stayed active with home school, dance, ice skating, and Chinese school.

We did manage to get away to Sicily, Italy in February as you can see in the pictures below. It was a wonderful break from the wet, dreary London winter and a fantastic time with dear friends! Chante "fell in love" with Sicily and is now taking Italian so she can live there someday!



CHANTE

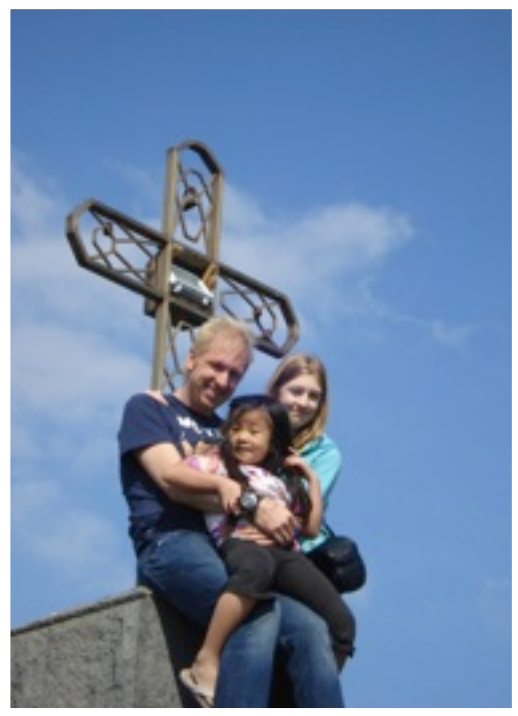


PT & SUZANNE IN SICILY



RUTHIE

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: LOVELY TIME WITH FRIENDS IN SICILY - THE HOLYDES, THE PARKS AND THE BASILE FAMILY; CHANTE "FALLING IN LOVE"; RUTHIE LIKED SICILY TOO-ESPECIALLY THE FOOD; ANTONYE AND SUZANNE OUTSIDE THE ROYAL PAVILION IN BRIGHTON, UK; DADDY AND THE GIRLS SOAKING UP THE SICILIAN SUNSHINE.

SIMPLE BLESSINGS



Life as we know it in London...

HIGHLIGHTS 2011

1. PEOPLE COMING TO KNOW JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME/OR IN A DEEPER WAY
2. REGULAR SERVICES ON SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
3. WATCHING CHANTE PERFORM AT PROJECT DANCE AND RUTHIE ICE SKATE AT ALEXANDRA PALACE
4. MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND BEING VISITED BY "OLD" ONES

Life in the city has been a big adjustment for us...especially the girls. Antonye grew up in Chicago, so city life isn't so foreign to him. But to girls more use to the SLO life, London has been a huge change.

We have learned how to navigate public transportation...even Ruthie knows which trains, buses and stops are ours when we travel to certain places. We also understand that because of the unpredictability of said public transportation that life moves at a different pace here. We must give ourselves an hour just to travel 10 miles sometimes.

There are very few places that aren't crowded. We try to take advantage of good weather so we can walk through

the forested Hampstead Heath and Sunday mornings are sometime quiet as we head to church.

But there are some amazing advantages to living in an international city. Chante participated in a Christian dance outreach in the shadow of Tower Bridge this summer, while Antonye and Suzanne helped as well.

Ruthie has been coached by a three-time British champion ice skater this year and attended Chinese school taught by a lovely Chinese couple who love Jesus.

We have met people from all over the world, eaten food we have never heard of before, and been blessed to be the Lord's ambassadors in London.

We are blessed to have your love and support!

Another great advantage to living in London is its central location to the rest of the world. We have been blessed to have many visitors in our home this year.

Some of our visitors have been passing through on their way to other places. Some, like Suzanne's mom and dad, came to spend time catching up and exploring family history in other parts of the UK.

We have only been able to put a few pictures of our dear friends and family that have passed our way, but please know if you have visited us in London we are so thankful!

Our lives are so full of joy as we serve Jesus here in London. It is good to be where God has called us. He has provided such a sweet fellowship of believers here. Many are new to God's

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Word and are soaking up the teaching in ways that astonish us. Their zeal for the Lord is inspiring! We are humbled to be able to serve them as we serve our Lord.

Saying that, we want to also thank you for your prayers, love and support of us and our ministry. You play a large part in what the Lord is doing here in London and we are truly grateful. We realize the vital role every part of the Body of Christ plays in this ministry!

We are looking ahead to 2012 with great excitement. We have just started a new Bible study on Thursday afternoons geared toward youth in Hackney. We are looking for a new Sunday morning location as our church grows. The whole city is gearing up for the Olympics this summer and Suzanne has just accepted a position to volunteer at the Olympic Park.

Great things are ahead...May the Lord bless you and yours in 2012.

Happy Christmas!
Zeph 3:17

Antonye, Suzanne, Chante, & Ruthie

OUR VISITORS



DAD & MOM



THE POTTENGERS



MATT & LA



SHAW TWINS