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It's been just over two years since we jumped out of the boat and ventured into self employment it's been an exciting time. We have embarked on a whole new level of dependence on God, believing for growing ministry opportunities, as well as having our household needs met. Gods good.

*"I thought it would be more scary that it has been but I can genuinely say that God has given me a real peace throughout and a new found security in his hands.*

*The kids are growing up fast, some times to quickly. India is going through the gap toothed gangly phase, at six it's all, princesses and Hannah Montana! She's really settled into school life this year and is finding a new confidence. Its great to see. Thank you to all that have prayed for her and supported me in my concerns about her development.*



*Xanthe...she 4 and mad as ever. We've recently had a hospital consultation and they are happy with her medication and she seems a lot happier. She had a better winter and for anyone that knows one to many puffs on that blue inhaler and you have to peel her of the ceiling. (Not that she need much extra stimulation, she would fail her primary school sports day drugs test!) Xanthe has another year of nursery till she graduates to the world of uniforms, school dinners and the big boys and girls of P1. What will I do with my time....? Probably ironing. Joy!*



*Both girls have hilarious conversations and ask the deepest of questions about life and God and Jesus, tougher questions than anything James would be asked on the Streets. J and I are both well, we love living in Newtonhill and hanging out with our friends here. We are looking forward hopefully to a summer of impromptu get togethers and we hope to get the BBQ out on that deck of ours." Tori...Lolxxx*



So a quick round up of what we've been involved in the last wee while. I have Spoken at church weekends away, had a mad ministry trip to Sri Lanka this, *was just before what was happening there broke onto the international news.* I have spoken on numerous alpha courses and had pertinent spiritual conversations with clubbers at 3am. You know its diverse, its exciting and to be honest never boring. And just to keep me on my toes and hopefully connected to the next generation I throw in some Schools work. Which has been pretty encouraging this year.

Being a chaplain to a primary and secondar keeps me constantly looking for new ways to connect and stay current. At this years Easter service we used *Sashes Mysterious* times as a background theme and debated the evidence of the resurrection. We asked those in the room to stand in response to the evidence given. 2/3 of every year group stood. As well as a large proportion of the staff! We felt it was something of a break through! On a number of occasions I've prayed for staff members and Ive seen the first real signs that God is at work in their lives, responding with questions and "hey your prayers are working."

Just last week we levelled off our back garden, and we bought some grass seed and together with the girls we have sown back lawn and remember this is Aberdeen! I have been desperately watching to see if it takes...my neighbour laughs at me, daily inspecting it..shouting "be patient James!" I guess schools work is a bit like this. You sow liberally, you try and be around as much as possible to water things and pray that what's been said or demonstrated will bed itself into lives and come to the surface at the right time.