



What is in the future?

These children at Suk Mahale may look concerned as they think about tomorrow. No human being knows, or can tell them, their future!

Last month I discovered cancer had returned to my neck and throat. This is two years and five months since my voice-box was surgically removed. April 6th 2009 glands and tissues seen to be infected by my surgeon were precisely excised. During May, God-willing, I will be treated with radiotherapy every day for five weeks, “to mop up anything we cannot see”.

It is precious to my wife Brenda and to me that our God is not surprised by what has happened. God is so great. God is putting everything together in His wonderful plan for our world – and His plan for the two of us. At the right time, and in the best possible way, God is outworking His creation purpose.

Like Daniel’s three friends who were facing the fiery furnace trial, Brenda and I firmly believe God is able to save and deliver me from death through cancer. Also like those men, we recognise God knows better than we do. Daniel 3:27,28.

If God chooses to take me home to heaven soon (for a reason He has not disclosed to us, but it will nonetheless be a good reason) we will still both try to love Him, to praise Him and to worship Him. God will continue to do the right thing even when we would personally choose something completely different. That just goes to show how much we both still have to learn about the mystery of God and His ways. Paul’s prayer is my prayer:

“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death”,

Philippians 3:10.