December 2010 update from Ken Millwood

Dear All,

This is the delayed December update, yet Christmas has already come and gone, so I trust you won't mind too much if I combine this with my Christmas newsletter as a means of achieving two goals at the same time. As most of these updates on my book are sent electronically it also means I am being more environmentally friendly than sending lots of paper through the post.

Since September (the last update) I have finished Chapter 4 (Why do we need to be dependent) and received some constructive feedback from friends in Frome. The word count is now ~ 36,000, still about 60% of the 50,000 words I am aiming for. December has been busy with puppet shows – we even braved the snow to get to Pembrokeshire early one Sunday morn – so no more progress on the book this month. I am very aware of how little time I have spent working on the book since I went back to full time work 18 months ago due to all my other non-work commitments. I am currently praying about this situation, but know something needs to change or I will be expressing the same sentiments in 12 month's time. As I am now looking to self-publish my book, the only person on my back is me, which in reality means the book ends up taking a lower priority to all my Committee work and other 'urgent' activities.

My job at KCM is going well. The year has seen various changes. In addition to answering telephone calls, opening mail and replying to emails I am the staff Health and Safety (H&S) Representative. In a nutshell: the person everyone reports any H&S issues to for me to pass to the managers who then take whatever action is appropriate. As KCM take H&S seriously, this often means a very quick response when any near misses are reported.

My plans to go abroad earlier in the year didn't work out, but I had a 5 day break on Guernsey in late September. Other leave days got used up sorting out things to do with the house and the car, so this Christmas-New Year break is very welcome.

Well, that's about it. Apologies for the lateness of sending this out, so let me take this chance to pass on my belated Christmas greetings and pray that you have a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Kind Regards,

Ken

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