



Happy new year! 2009 has come upon us. I remember how I rang in 2008, at my cousins' home. 2008 has been one excellent year, full of amazing blessings and gifts from God.

The most wonderful blessing of 2008 has been, of course, my dear husband Alex. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we joined in marriage and began our adventure together.

This year has been one of change, both in the world and in my life. Personally, there's been change in my marital status (not formally my name yet), change in my living location (from my parent's home to my husband's home), change in city and country location (Vancouver, Canada to Birmingham, UK), change in job (BCCA to WMRGL) and change in church (ECBC to BCEC). Through all these changes, and future changes, I am comforted by remembering all the times where I've been carried through by family, friends and God.

As we begin 2009, I want to wish you all good health and happiness in your life. May you be blessed and see this year as an opportunity to be a blessing to others too.

Love, Betty

## 2008 IN REVIEW



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It is cold. A third year in the cold. This is the tale of a Southern California boy who left his precious sun temporarily for one year in Vancouver Canada and has now spent three freezing winters in places where the sun is a myth and survival demands a heater.

Despite the dreariness of winter, this past year has been warmed by the love of others. My final year at Regent College was filled with wedding planning with Betty. We were blessed by family and friends – many who flew to attend the festivities. When we had our second reception in Los Angeles, four crazy friends drove down from the Pacific Northwest and joined us! That's love!

It has not been perfect, but marriage has been great. Betty and I have gone through a lot together. Marriage, moving countries, changing jobs (for her) and schools (for me) – all in a matter of under six months. Yet through it all, family and friends have supported us through each transition. We thank God that despite thousands of miles from our families, we have a surrogate family of friends to share the joys and tears of life.

I'm excited about the divine appointments for this new year. We have many plans and hopes but trust God's hand in the midst of it all.  
Blessings in 2009,  
Alex

