



Multi coloured lights are sparkling all around Victoria as many prepare to celebrate Christmas. And John is preparing to share the story of the ultimate light, Jesus, through his presentation "Emmanuel - the Christmas Chronicles" in churches, community events and prisons. This quote by Eugene Peterson captures what John seeks to accomplish through his YWAM ministry, Word To Life:

*"Stories are the most prominent biblical way of helping us see ourselves in "the God story," which always gets around to the story of God making and saving us. Stories, in contrast to abstract statements of truth, tease us into becoming participants in what is being said. We find ourselves involved in the action. We may start out as spectators or critics, but if the story is good (and the biblical stories are very good!), we find ourselves no longer just listening to but inhabiting the story."*



*Emmanuel - The Christmas Chronicles*

Thank you for supporting us and praying for us as we share stories that are worth inhabiting!

*~ Our Christmas story in photos ~*



*1995 with Dan & Tim in Cambridge*



*1997 Jeff's first Christmas*



*1998 The Wason boys tradition of sleeping under the tree*



*1999 Jeffrey investigating*



*1999 Christmas with John's sister Janet*



*2001 The boys helping with the baking*



*2001 Our three wise men*



2002 Boxing day visit to the zoo



2002 Tree hunting



2003 John's sister Mary-Jean in NZ



2004 Christmas in the summer NZ style



2006 Victoria

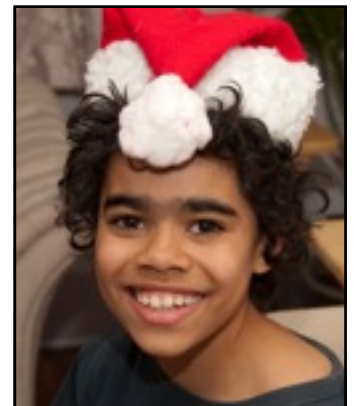


2007 Christmas with John's parents

~ Our Christmas wish ~

We are looking forward to our 4th Christmas in Victoria with John's parents. His dad turns 89 this Dec. The boys are enjoying church and their various youth groups. Jeffrey is mastering riding a "rip stick" which he got for his birthday in Nov. Daniel and his robotics team are gearing up for their first competition in a few weeks. Timothy celebrates his 16th birthday Dec 12th and we celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary Dec 1st. Amidst all these activities our family's hope for you this Christmas is that you...

Allow the **Light of the World** to shine on the darkness you encounter  
Allow the **Bread of Life** to nourish your whole being daily  
Allow the **Prince of Peace** to give that which passes understanding  
Allow the **God of Grace** to shower you with purpose  
Allow the **Shepherd of Life** to lead you through 2010



2008 Elf Jeffrey



We wish you an absolutely wonderful Christmas and a fantabulous New Year!

Love, John, Shelly,  
Timothy, Daniel, and Jeffrey

