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Dear Friends,
Sales of Zoe's second book and of my poetry collection *Travellers* are going well, so thanks to those who have already purchased copies.

Just drop me a line on pwandersen@btinternet.com at any time if you want one, as this is by far the easiest way to reserve a copy.

My latest project in progress is a collection of short stories called – you guessed it – *A Collection of Short Stories*, and I hope it will be ready for publication at the same time as Zoe Mark III by the end of the year. Watch this space!

I have always been writing, but it is only now that I really enjoy it and begin to feel that others might even enjoy it too.

Writing was only ever going to be something to concentrate on when I retire, but it seems God has other plans.

Writing, expressing your feelings and emotions, is nothing new. Someone once said there is no emotion, no hope, no joy, you cannot find expressed in the Bible. It is called The

Living Word, and not surprising.

As a preacher, every time you look at a passage, even one you think you know inside out, it will speak to you afresh as you prepare your sermon.

And so often your eyes are opened to a new slant on the story which quite possibly you missed on the first reading. It is wonderful and it happens again and again.

Even when you preach two or three times on one Sunday from the same passage, the sermon is different every time.

The best thing is that thanks to the Living Word and God's Spirit working through it, someone might say to you afterwards, "You spoke to ME this morning." Not every time, mind!

Often you do not realize what it was that so hit home. But it did and that is what is so remarkable, and all God's work.

So let us give thanks for the written and spoken word in all its complexity, but above all in its wonderful, God-given opportunity.

Rev Preben Andersen

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