# BECKWITH BLURB!!

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'LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH' 1 JOHN 3:18





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# Another year is almost over!

Can you believe that 2025 is just around the corner? We are all feeling a little bit like 2024 has taken us by surprise at the speed with which it has gone by! Since we were last in touch we had almost a week away in Port Douglas to chill and hang out by the pool which was much needed and much loved by all four of us! We also went away on our church family camp, where a fun weekend was had by all! At home all our routines have been upturned with both Mark and Jenny now working full-time. We're still working out where the balance falls at the moment with the girls having to step up too ... but we'll get there! With the end of the school year, Christmas, more markets and a few other things thrown into the mix, it has turned into an even busier and crazier final quarter than usual for us right now.We have chosen not to do quite as many Christmas markets as last year, in an attempt to try and keep ourselves sane!! We do have something early in the new year to look forward to ... a return trip to Tasmania! We visited about 6 years ago and loved it, so we will get to explore a little bit more in January!



A BUSY MAREEBA HANGAR!



ALL DRESSED UP FOR DINNER!



MARKET DAYS!

Here are some of the aircraft currently in the Mareeba hangar. One of the new Cessna 208 being prepared for Papua New Guinea Programme. Two other Cessna 208's whose turbine engines are being swapped over. Preparing two older aircraft to be sold ... to make room for new versions.

At church the process of extending our building is just about to begin. This has been a long awaited and much talked about step forward ... in fact, it has been a hot topic of conversation for the whole ten years we have lived in Mareeba. To see the main auditorium extended even just a little bit, is a big cause for praise and excitement!

EACH OF US IS AN INNKEEPER WHO DECIDES IF THERE IS ROOM FOR JESUS.

#### Praise

- For answered prayers with regards to Jenny's new job
- For the opportunity to return to Tasmania in the new year
- That we've had a great, growing year with our Youth and the church extension is going ahead!

#### Prayer

- For a less ferocious wet season this year - some roads are still washed out from last December
- For Mark to finally get the opportunity to finish his licence over here!
- That Mareeba Baptist finds a new Office Manager very soon

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### MARK

LAST BLURB I WAS WORKING ON AN AVIONICS SUITE INSTALLATION. THIS TIME I'VE BEEN HELPING OUT WITH INSPECTIONS & REPAIRS ON AN AMPHIBIOUS CESSNA 208. I'VE ALSO BEEN BUSY PREPARING TO INTRODUCE THREE NEW CESSNA 208'S TO THE PROGRAMME IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA ... AND BRING THE THREE OLDEST OUT. THE OLDEST ONE WILL BE SOLD, WHILE THE OTHER TWO WILL BE RELOCATED; ONE TO ARNHEM LAND AND THE OTHER TO TIMOR LESTE.

## JENNY

LIFE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED FOR ME SINCE WE WERE LAST IN TOUCH! WHILE I'M STILL COVERING SOME BASES AT THE CHURCH STILL (WHILE THEY FIND ANOTHER OFFICE MANAGER!), IN LATE OCTOBER I STARTED A FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT ROLE IN HR. THE LEARNING CURVE HAS BEEN HUGE ON SO MANY LEVELS BUT SO FAR, SO GOOD. I HAVE TO WEAR A UNIFORM, SO AT LEAST THAT'S ONE LESS THING TO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IN THE MORNINGS!





## ABIGAIL

I TICKED OFF A BUCKET LIST DREAM FOR MY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER ... I WENT COW-CUDDLING WITH MY BESTIE AND NAOMI. WE GOT TO CUDDLE THE CUTEST MINI-MOO'S AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT! WE'RE COMING INTO THE HOTTEST TIME OF THE YEAR HERE WHICH IS MY LEAST FAVOURITE TIME AS IT'S SOOOOOO HOT ... ON THE PLUS SIDE WE GET TWO MONTHS OFF SCHOOL, SO IT'S NOT ALL BAD!!

#### NAOMI

I HAVE BEEN ENJOYING GETTING THE STRENGTH BACK IN MY ARM AND BEING ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING ONCE AGAIN; INCLUDING TAKING PART IN A CRAZY FANCY DRESS MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT GAMES NIGHTS FOR YOUTH IN OCTOBER AND A BIG GROUP OF US WENT TO LASERFUN IN CAIRNS LAST MONTH! LIKE ABI, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS AND TWO MONTHS OFF SCHOOL TO CHILL AND CELEBRATE!

