

# 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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**MMS AVIATION - 50th Anniversary  
Alumni Celebration Evening**

## Unexpected travels!

While Abigail had her Japan trip in September set in stone for a while ... the remaining 3 of us got a very last minute and unexpected trip back to Coshocton, Ohio in October. Back to where our journey with MAF began, the place we called home for 3 years and where Naomi was born - joining in with the MMS Aviation family for their 50th Anniversary celebrations. The trip coincided with some

training that Mark needed to complete in a neighbouring state and as a family we were able to reconnect with friends and supporters that we haven't seen since we left 13 years ago! The first evening was an alumni dinner for staff, apprentices and families ... including the first engineer to graduate through to those currently completing their training. It was so special to have had the opportunity to be there.

We returned home to find that both Abi and Naomi had received Academic Excellence awards at school. They have now both finished the school year, with Abi starting her final year of school in January. Both girls are already enjoying the long summer break ... although the hot tropical storm season is already upon us with crazy wet and wild weather and power outages commonplace!



ABIGAIL'S FUN IN JAPAN



A CHRISTMAS COOKIE!



BACK WHERE OUR JOURNEY  
WITH MAF BEGAN



With us now both working full-time for over a year and both being involved in running our small business (Wish Pom Pom), we have had to make some difficult decisions about things we need to cut back on, in order to not go too crazy! We realised that we couldn't sustain the pace and involvement in everything that we had previously managed and would rather do a good job with a few things than stretch ourselves too thinly. In August, Mark completed his second term as a deacon at church and chose not to stand again. We also both made the decision to step away from coordinating the youth as well, having had such a blast over the last couple of years, having fun with a lovely group of teens.

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**WISHING EVERYONE, BOTH NEAR AND FAR, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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### Praise

- For safe travels for all of us over the last few months ... and for the opportunity to visit our home in the USA.
- For the work of MMS Aviation over the last 50 years and for the work of MAF over the last 80. It is a privilege to be part of both.

### Prayer

- For a quiet and relaxing Christmas after a very busy year
- For more supporters for MAF as an organisation, both financially and prayerfully, as costs are slowly increasing across the programmes

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### MARK

MY TRAINING IN THE USA WAS A LYCOMING ENGINE COURSE IN PENNSYLVANIA. LYCOMING'S ARE ONE OF THE MAIN PISTON ENGINES THAT ARE USED IN AIRCRAFT. EACH MORNING WAS THEORY KNOWLEDGE WHILST THE AFTERNOON WAS IN THE WORKSHOP DISMANTLING AND THEN REASSEMBLING AN ENGINE. ONE AFTERNOON WE HAD A TOUR OF THE LYCOMING FACTORY WHERE THEY FABRICATE, ASSEMBLE, TEST AND PACKAGE THE ENGINES.

### JENNY

MARK'S ROLE IN MAF HAS GIVEN HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES BUT IT WAS A REAL GIFT TO BE ABLE TO JOIN HIM THIS ONCE AND RETURN TO THE USA, ALBEIT BRIEFLY, TO SPEND TIME WITH SPECIAL PEOPLE AND SHOW NAOMI SPECIAL PLACES FROM THE 3 YEARS WE LIVED THERE. WE CAME STRAIGHT BACK TO THE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESS, SO LIFE HAS BEEN A BIT NON-STOP SINCE THEN!



### ABIGAIL

IN SEPTEMBER I RECEIVED AN EXCELLENCE AWARD IN A REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION WHERE MY 6 PIECES OF WORK WERE DISPLAYED. AS A RESULT THEY WILL NOW BE PART OF A BIGGER EXHIBITION IN THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART IN BRISBANE IN 2026. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ACCEPTED ONTO A REGIONAL ART MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME IN CAIRNS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IT BEGAN AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

### NAOMI

ONE OF THE BIGGEST HIGHLIGHTS FOR ME WHEN WE HEADED TO OHIO (AS WELL AS SEEING WHERE I WAS BORN) WAS GETTING TO HANG OUT WITH ONE OF MY GODMOTHERS, LAURIE ... WHO I HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE I WAS 1 1/2 YEARS OLD. BACK HERE IN MAREEBA, I FOUND MY FIRST JUNIOR POSITION IN A LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED CAFE. I WORK 4 HOUR SHIFTS ON THE WEEKENDS AND HOPEFULLY MORE IN THE HOLIDAYS!

