# **BECKWITH BLURB!!**

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



- Beckwith's Big Adventure Wish Pom Pom
- MAF Mareeba



## The last quarter in a nutshell!

Welcome to winter in tropical Far North Queensland ... where we start cracking open the cardigans and thin jumpers in case there is a slightly cooler day - yes really, it doesn't get much colder than that, although the locals would have you believe its freezing! Since we were last in touch we have enjoyed some visitors from the UK. Easter weekend in Cairns and a trip to Townsville (5hrs drive to watch

our 'local' rugby team play at their home grounds and to catch up with some good friends). Wish Pom Pom joined forces with Mumma H Handmade for a massive 3 day market for the FNQ Rotary Field days at the end of May. This is an event that happens every other year and they estimated 19,000 visitors this year. Naomi, Cookie and Jenny have celebrated birthdays ... our big ball of fluff is already 7 years old with Naomi twice her age! Jenny's role at work has become a permanent position after completing an initial 6 month temporary contract - she has been there for 8 months in total now. And finally the Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft that was unveiled back in UK in April by King Charles arrived in Mareeba and will be prepared for service as part of the MAF fleet in Papua New Guinea Program.



VISITORS FROM THE UK



ROTARY FIELD DAYS



At our local church the building project that we have mentioned from time-to-time in the past is now well underway. It will increase the size of our main auditorium which is great as we seem to have been welcoming new faces recently and some old faces have been returning too.

The youth program that we've been part of helping organise is still going well too. We have had a few less turn up to some of our events due to other commitments but it's still a lot fun. Activities we have enjoyed recently are tubing and kayaking on Lake Tinaroo, a Retro 80's Murder Mystery Evening and a team Scavenger Hunt with afternoon tea in a local park.

WE HOPE THAT ALL OUR NORTHERN HEMISPHERE SUPPORTERS ARE ENJOYING THEIR SUMMER TEMPERATURES - WHICH ARE THE EQUIVALENT OF OUR WINTER ONES!!!

#### Praise

- For the cooler temperatures which are less draining
- That our church building project is now well underway
- For the opportunity to be part of big local events

#### Prayer

- For all the work that continues in the Mareeba hangar
- That we would find a good work, life balance now that both Mark and Jenny have been working fulltime for the last 8 months

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#### JENNY

THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN A BIT OF A WHIRLWIND PREPARING FOR THE FNQ ROTARY FIELD DAYS EVENT. MYSELF AND HELEN (MUMMA H HANDMADE) SPENT A LOT OF TIME PLANNING AHEAD OF TIME, AS WELL AS FRANTICALLY BUILDING UP MORE STOCK THAN WE WOULD USUALLY HAVE ON HAND, AS EVERYTHING WE BOTH SELL IS HANDMADE. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN TO BE PART OF SUCH A BIG LOCAL EVENT ... WE WERE BOTH EXHAUSTED ONCE IT WAS OVER!

#### MARK

I HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF HEALTH ISSUES RECENTLY. EARLIER THIS YEAR MY LEG STARTED TO HURT AND MY ANKLE WAS SWOLLEN. THE DOCTORS DIAGNOSED DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT). SCANS CONFIRMED THIS AND FOUND A 35CM CLOT. THANKFULLY, BLOOD THINNERS CLEARED THE CLOT AND I AM OFF THE DRUGS. I THEN DAMAGED MY LEFT ROTATOR CUFF HELPING A BACKPACKER WITH A JAMMED VAN DOOR, THIS WAS QUITE RESTRICTIVE BUT IS ALL GOOD NOW.





## ABIGAIL

I HAVE BEEN REALLY ENJOYING MY CREATIVE SUBJECTS THIS YEAR - FROM VISUAL ART TO CREATIVE WRITING. MY TEACHERS HAVE SUBMITTED MY WORK FROM BOTH ART & LITERATURE INTO DIFFERENT REGIONAL COMPETITIONS AND THIS MONTH I AM HEADING TO CAIRNS TO RECEIVE A PRIZE FOR A SHORT PIECE I WROTE FOR THE CAIRNS EISTEDDFOD. APART FROM THAT MY 1ST LOVE IS STILL WATCHING MOVIES!

### NAOMI

EARLIER THIS TERM I WAS PART OF MY SCHOOL TEAM FOR A REGIONAL FUTSAL TOURNAMENT. OUR TEAM WAS MADE UP OF A LOT OF MY CLOSE FRIEND GROUP, SO ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T WIN IT WAS A FUN DAY TOGETHER REPRESENTING OUR SCHOOL DOWN IN CAIRNS. OUR MID-YEAR SCHOOL BREAK IS COMING UP IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, ALONG WITH THE MAREEBA RODEO WHICH ALL 4 OF US ENJOY AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO!

