

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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Enjoying some downtime!

The long Summer Christmas holidays have come and gone since we were last in touch (putting Christmas and Summer in the same sentence still feels wrong even after all these years!). The girls enjoyed almost 2 months off school although they are now already halfway through their first term of 2025! Mark enjoyed a month off from the hangar, using some of his long service leave and Jenny has been

enjoying some free weekends, as she doesn't do markets for the months of January and February. As a family we made a return trip to Tasmania in January (7 years after our first visit there) and explored some different places as well as spending some time, just stopping and having fun together. It was a lovely way to start the year, enjoying some cooler temperatures away from tropical Far North Queensland!

The monsoon season this year really took its toll on our region with many amazing storms, multiple power outages and all the main roads south cut, due to flooding. This meant several weeks with empty supermarkets - limited supplies were either flown or shipped in while the roads were repaired. Things are mostly back to normal again, thankfully we weren't completely flooded like many nearby towns.



CHRISTMAS IN A VERY WET AND TROPICAL SUMMER



BEAUTIFUL TASMANIA



NEW CESSNA 208 HEADING TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

At the moment in the Mareeba hangar the team of engineers are putting the final touches on another new Cessna Caravan 208 which is heading out serve in the MAF programme in Papua New Guinea. Before it gets there, it will be doing a short tour of the East Coast of Australia, including being at the Avalon Air Show in Victoria.

Please remember the wider MAF family in your prayers. Since we were last in touch one of the pilots in Arnhem Land was killed in a car accident on his way to the hangar and in Kenya one of the children of a MAF family also unexpectedly passed away over the Christmas break. Knowing both families ourselves, the news which came within a very short space of time was a shock and has affected so many of the MAF programmes and families who have served alongside these two family's at one point or another in their MAF journey.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS US BOTH PRAYERFULLY AND FINANCIALLY

Praise

- For supermarket supplies that are now regularly getting though again - so life is back to normal!
- That we could start the year away in Tasmania together

Prayer

- For the wider MAF family after the loss of two special people and for their immediate family's
- For family health, near and far

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MARK

AS WELL AS WORKING FOR MAF IN THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT, I AM ALSO A DEACON AT MAREEBA BAPTIST CHURCH. THIS MEANS SUPPORTING OUR PASTOR BY TAKING ON AND OVERSEEING DIFFERENT JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AROUND THE CHURCH (LIKE MAKING SOME MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT), OR EVEN STEPPING IN AND PREACHING WHILE HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWAY.

JENNY

WHILE I'VE MISSED BEING AT THE MARKETS THE LAST TWO MONTHS, I HAVE VALUED THE TIME TO CATCH UP WITH MYSELF (AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT) OVER THE WEEKENDS. MY NEW JOB IS NOT SO NEW, NOW THAT I'VE BEEN THERE JUST OVER 4 MONTHS! I'M CONTINUING TO ENJOY THE CHALLENGE AND STILL FEEL LIKE I'M LEARNING SOMETHING NEW EACH DAY! I ABSOLUTELY LOVED OUR TIME AWAY IN TASMANIA AND WOULD GO BACK AGAIN IN A HEARTBEAT!!



ABIGAIL

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I HAVE JUST STARTED MY PENULTIMATE SCHOOL YEAR - ALTHOUGH I WISH IT WAS STILL THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! I DID WORK A LOAD OF EXTRA SHIFTS OVER THE BREAK WHICH WAS GOOD TOO FOR SAVING SOME MONEY. IN TASMANIA ONE OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS WAS VISITING ALL THE DIFFERENT BOOKS SHOPS, I MANAGED TO BUY A NEW BOOK IN EACH ONE - THERE GOES MY SAVINGS!

NAOMI

WE'RE BACK AT SCHOOL AGAIN - THE BREAK WENT TOO QUICKLY AND I'VE ALREADY NOTICED THAT THE AMOUNT OF WORK HAS BUMPED UP A LEVEL! 2025 BEGAN WITH ME TURNING INTO A BIT OF A BOOKWORM LIKE THE REST OF THE FAMILY TOO. IT'S BEEN A FEW YEARS SINCE I'VE REALLY ENJOYED READING BUT NOW I CAN'T SEEM TO PUT MY BOOKS DOWN ... WHEN I'M NOT WATCHING A MOVIE THAT IS!!

