



Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another very full year, let's spend a moment or two, thanking God for His goodness to each of us. If we have food in our bellies, clothes on our backs (and spares in the cupboard), homes to keep us dry and warm (or cool) and a family to love us through the hard times that we sometimes face, then we are truly blessed.

"Thank you God for the blessings that you pour into our lives on a daily basis. Help us to use what we have to bless others. Thank you for our loved ones. Please watch over them during this special season, especially for those of us who are apart. Thank you for sending Jesus into this world, when you knew all that would lie ahead of Him. We praise you! Amen!"

We had a wonderful Church camp weekend in October at a Christian retreat. Many from the church attended. It was a good time of fellowship and fun with our church family.

May each of you know God's blessings in 2026.

With love from all the Cousley's xo

Photos: 1: Church camp at Quinola Lakes. 2. Glenn on his aviation course in Brisbane.

Give thanks:

- For God's love that came down at Christmas.

Please pray:

- That God will continue to bless the work of MAF.
- For Esther, as she takes a year out, and considers what she wants to do in the future.



JA : This is the end of Term 4, with Christmas, end of school year, reports and moving back to SWAN—Julie Anne is filled with joy at what God has done and with the hope of a calmer return to work in 2026. Term 4 was very busy with completing assessments, marking, a class trip to Mount Hypipamee (a crater lake) and we also squeezed in a Mission Market week, encouraging the Year 10 girls who ran it (for their Duke of Ed.) to think of others in this season. It was very successful, and all classes at school were involved making items to sell, as directed by the Yr10's. The ladies group at church are celebrating Christmas with an evening on 13th Dec in our church. This will be run by Hester and Julie Anne—so requires more energy straight after the school term finishes.



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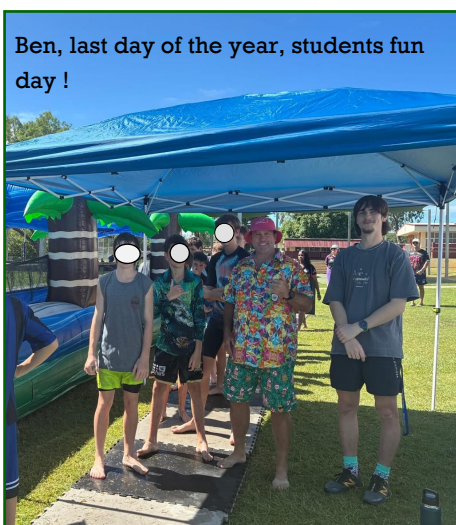
3a. Market stalls at the Mission Markets. 3b. JA baking for the Mission Markets. 4 Joshua at the back, (Yellow helmet) with some of the youth from their Church in Atherton.

Joshua & Nakia: Joshua and Nakia will both help lead the SU camp SPLASH OUT for end of primary children again this year, which runs the week before Christmas. They both love working with young people and are excited to be involved again this year. Nakia has been filling in at the prison over the past couple of months within her role of admin, but she is happy to be finished the full time job there, returning to a shared role in the hospital and the prison for the last couple of weeks of 2025.

They are planning for 2026, and thinking of moving back to Mareeba, of Joshua reducing his working week to 4 days (still in Atherton Primary School) to allow him more time to study for his degree in Education. In order to do this, they will downsize to a tiny little 1-room 'granny flat' on Nakia's parents' property—that is just being converted from a shed, into a 'shouse'.



Esther: She had a very busy last term of the year. Esther celebrated her 18th Birthday, sat her final exams, made it to the Grand Final with her football team, received two sports awards from the school Presentation night, (Senior sports person of the year) and graduated from High school. She wants to study but is going to take a gap year and would first like to travel. One possibility would be to spend a year back in Northern Ireland, find work and travel to Europe. She would like to play football, if possible when being back in NI. Another possibility would be to try and find some ski resorts to work a ski season in Europe or America. It's fruit picking season here on the Tablelands and she has found some farm work (packing lychees/mangoes) with a plan to save money. If you think you could help or advise Esther with any of these ideas, please get in touch with us. Alternatively, watch this space to see where to next, for Esther.



Benajmin: Has been working part time as a Teaching assistant at the local High school (which he attended) He has been offered this job full time from the start of the new school year (late January) He will still be working with children who are in the care system. Once the school year finishes, (Friday 12th December) he hopes to find some farm work like his sister, for the fruit harvest. He has just completed a motorbike 2-day training course in early December, (encouraged by his brother and father) and so will be able to sit his bike test soon. The plan is that he will save to buy a bike and maybe they will be able to head out together on the motorbikes.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2 v 7



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**The true light that
gives light to every-
one was coming into
the world.**

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8. C208 plane with Roger and Elizabeth Green. 9. Glenn fixing some electrical thing. 10. C172 having the scheduled inspection.

Glenn: It's been a busy year for the flight training school in Mareeba with more students enrolled on the course. This means more flying and the spin off from this is more maintenance for the hangar team to do. Some of the work is planned and other issues just crop up and have to be fixed immediately.

Pictured below is a Cessna 172 that was scheduled in for an inspection. We found (unexpectedly) that the engine mounts were worn and cracked. This required Glenn to remove the engine to replace the mountings. In November Glenn travelled to Brisbane for two weeks on an electrical exclusion course. As his licence is modular this can now be added to his licence. This will enable him to carry out small electrical tasks on the aircraft. While on the course he had the opportunity to work on larger aircraft, (picture on front page) which he enjoyed. However, he prefers smaller aircraft like what MAF uses.

The team also prepared a new C208, (pictured with Roger and Elizabeth) P2-GRA that King Charles dedicated in April which is now serving in PNG.

