

Mareeba Musings



Dear Friends,

We are so thankful for you as we continue to journey with you and with MAF, here in Mareeba, under God's direction. Having moved house (mentioned in our last PL) we decided we should include a picture of it in this one. The citizenship application and documentation has all been submitted for the whole family. Glenn went to Gove in Arnhem Land at the end of Term 3 for 2 weeks.

Photo:

1. Sun going down as Glenn flew to Gove with MAF - a late flight so that the pilot could gain some night flying hours.

Please give thanks:

- That we have all completed the online application and documentation process for citizenship.
- For the ongoing prayerful and financial support of our home churches.

Please pray:

- For all the preparation for Home Assignment that needs to be done before we return to NI.
- For Esther as she searches for what is right for her at the end of next year. Pray that God will show her where he wants her to be.
- For God's guidance in how/where to continue seeking a European Aviation Safety Authority (EASA) Licence.

Home Assignment

We are coming back this Christmas and would love to catch up with you. Please contact us.
Dates for your diary:

Sun. 8th Dec. Magherafelt Pres Church
Sun. 5th Jan Enniskillen Pres Church

He has shown you ,
O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of
you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6 v 8

JA : In Sept, Julie Anne had a great school camp at Quinola Lakes. At this time Glenn was up north in Gove working for MAF.

JA went with Katie to Brisbane to celebrate a big milestone with an old friend. Joan turned 80 at the end of Oct, and as her daughter was in Kenya, Africa, we decided to go down and join her for a weekend of special celebrations. She was very touched that we thought of her.

Church camp was another great camp. This was also held at Quinola Lakes this year. We very much enjoyed sharing time with our church family, worshipping together in a different setting and breaking bread together.

We have all completed the application for citizenship of Australia (alongside the documentation that is required). Now we wait and see.

3 months on and it looks like our 'car engine trouble' has finally been solved (at a cost!) We were very glad to get our car back sounding normal again (and not roaring like a tractor). Moving house would have been very difficult if Murray Lawrence (our Pastor) had not let us borrow his 4 wheel drive car that hooked up to a trailer—so thank you to Murray and Coralee for that.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength. Mark 12 v 30

Joshua & Nakia:



Joshua and Nakia are enjoying married life. Nakia continues to work and to study for her degree. Joshua is preparing to start his studies in the new year. He will keep his job at a local primary school and also study alongside it.

Nakia just completed her first Parkrun, in Atherton, with her very own personal trainer—Josh.



Photographs:

- 2 Helping out in the Kitchen at church camp.
3. Joshua & Nakia at Nakia's first Parkrun.
4. In our back garden.
5. Paintball—Esther with her girlfriends.
6. Father and son time (Glenn and Benjamin).
7. Supporting each other , with blindfold on the low ropes.



Benjamin: continues to be the same loving and caring young man that we know him to be. One of his biggest joys in life is playing futsal with his brother Joshua on the men's team. He was really pleased to be able to do this. At work, he has been paint-stripping parts of the planes in the hangar and becoming more involved in the Parts Dept.

He also turned 20 in May. In early November Benjamin and his Dad went on a Father & Son Christian camp (Stand Firm). Unfortunately he became sick and had to return home. But the two days they had were full of canoeing, climbing, high & low ropes courses and time to discuss what the Bible has to say about being a man of God. They completed the study at home and he was able to finish with the others at a small ceremony in front of family and friends.



8. Esther receiving her awards at the awards night.



Esther: turned 17 in October. We celebrated together as a family having lunch at a café in Mareeba. She also booked paintballing, where a bunch of us attended (family and friends). This was a fun but painful experience.

Esther has been soccer captain for her club team this season. This was a really good experience for her with much opportunity to grow and learn. Her club has just celebrated its year of soccer, and handed out awards to those who have achieved much during the year. Esther was awarded the Coach's choice of player, Player's Player and also a medal for achieving a place on the FNQ team that the Queensland scouts put together. This was a team of the season made up from all the women's teams in the league after the results of the year. As she completes Year 11 this year, she is thinking about the end of next year when she finishes school, and what she would like to do.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12 v 31

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Glenn: In our last PL Glenn was coordinating a repaint on a plane from Arnhem Land. This was challenging for him and the team in Mareeba, as they are low on engineers and the plane had a lot of corrosion that needed removing. They achieved the work but were two weeks overdue on the planned end date. In the first two weeks of September Glenn flew to Arnhem Land to assist the small team there. It was a busy time but he enjoyed being part of a programme again (albeit for a short time). Glenn had one exam to complete for his Australian licence which he passed on 25th October. The Australian system is cumbersome so he has still a lot of work to do gathering practical evidence.



- 9. Glenn in Arnhem land working on the Cessna Caravan.
- 10. Hair Stylist Julie Anne.
- 11. Busying Hangar.
- 12 a&b The front of our house and the back garden.



A visitor! Apart from Julie Anne's Mum and Dad we haven't had many visitors from the U.K. Mathew Orr was working in New Zealand and popped across to visit cousins and also decided to come and stay with us for a few days. He even helped out in the Hangar and had a try out on the flight simulator. Matthew is the son of one of Julie Anne's close friends from her Grammar school days in Ballymena.

