



Pictured No 1; Recent family picture in our new home (we moved house early in Term 4 2020).

Since our last prayer letter we have had the summer school holidays. The summer time (Christmas time here) means harvest time and Joshua and Benjamin were able to find work on the many fruit farms in this area, due to the lack of tourists and travellers, due to Covid. We did some day trips in and around the area going places that we hadn't been. Up here where we live on the tablelands there are many beautiful waterfalls. On pages 1, 2 & 3 are photos of three of the falls, two of which you can swim at. One day out ended rather sadly for Glenn as he crashed his small drone he bought the previous Christmas and it fell down into the vegetation at one of the falls. He has returned three times and searched but has been unable to find it. At Easter we all attended the Keswick convention (cancelled last year). A Covid plan was in place which seems to be the normal now: sign-in, wear wrist band, face mask, wash hands and distance from others. Church life is returning to the 'new normal' restricted seating, and like many churches now broadcasts live so others can join in from home or afar.

- Please pray/give thanks for:**
- Glenn passed a recent exam. One more to go.
 - a new VISA as ours ends in May; the right pathway through the VISA application for all of us now that Joshua is finished school and 18 years old.
 - for Julie Anne as she is now working five days a week in DE (Distance Education) and on campus.
 - for Benjamin that he will study well for his final assessments and exams later this year. He will sit his driving test at the end of May after his 17th birthday.
 - for Katie as she

Against you, you only, have I sinned.
Psalm 51v4



Teaching with a difference: Julie Anne has continued to work 4 days a week this year for Jubilee Christian College, both on campus and for DE (Distance Education). At the start of the year, she had the opportunity to visit some new DE students at their homes to assess their needs and it was a great opportunity to get to know them and their families and be a witness. At the start of each new semester the DE teachers in FNQ (Far North Queensland) travel to Brisbane for a staff meeting with all the other teachers there. There was only one meeting last year in Term 3, so it was good to meet up with the rest of the team. With lots to discuss it was a busy two days. Unfortunately Julie Anne strained her voice, and it hasn't recovered after fifteen weeks. Before the end of Term 1 (just before Easter) she was able to see an ENT specialist who gave her the all clear re. nodules or nodes, so now she needs to see a Speech Pathologist. She works from home on a Tuesday, in the DE office on a Mon and Wed, and teaches on campus on a Thurs. and Fri. Since the beginning of term two she has been working in the high school on Fridays.

She still runs every Tuesday morning to our church prayer meeting for 6 am then home again for a quick shower in readiness for the school staff devotions at 8am. She also runs on a Thursday morning with another MAF mum. Every second Friday she is one of the leaders at our Youth Fellowship.



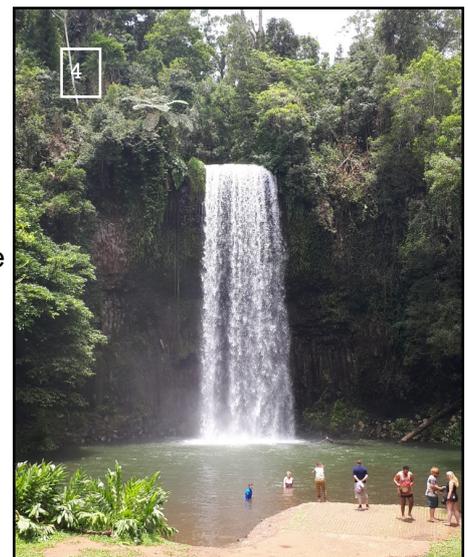
Pictures:

- 2 Waterfall - Ellinjaa Falls,
- 3 JA getting ready to record the Easter Sunday Children's Talk for church in Enniskillen (filmed in our church in Mareeba, 2 weeks ahead of time).
- 4 Millaa Millaa falls,
- 5 Little Nate.
- 6 Joshua at Parkrun
- 7 Zillie Falls
- 8 Esther
- 9 Zoom meeting with engineers in other programmes including Africa (on back page)

Nate: Traditionally we have had a slot on the progress of little Nate who had brain cancer. His mother is good friends with Julie Anne. We didn't write about him in our Christmas prayer letter as he was



very ill. Sadly on the 15th December 2020 Nate passed away peacefully in hospital. His Mother, Katie promised she would keep him out of hospital as long as possible as he had spent so much of his short life in one. He was only admitted that morning before he passed away. With God's love and guidance, time with family and friends and more time to think, pray and read, Katie is slowly coming to terms with not having Nate around. Katie wanted to do some fundraising for the foundation that the surgeon who operated on Nate, Dr. Charlie Teo set up. Through selling cakes and pies she has raised Aus \$3132 in two days towards her Aus \$5000 target. This is to help towards brain cancer research.



**We can make our own plans,
But the Lord gives the right
answer.
Proverbs 16v9**



Give thanks to the Lord
for He is good...

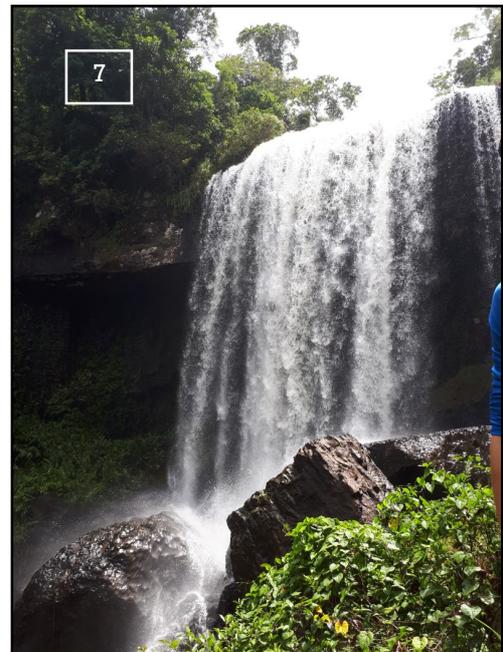
Joshua started working in the largest shed in Australia packing Avocadoes. He has since stopped as our Migration agent told us that he needed to study in order to stay on our VISA. Since then, they have told us that he can work and study, so at the minute he is trying to figure out what he wants to study and what we can afford. *TAFE*. (Technical and Further Education Training) which is the equivalent to BTEC in the U.K., is also very expensive. Please continue to pray for his future plans. He would like to stay in Australia. The future remains unknown and uncertain, especially since he turned 18. Most of his friends have gone off to Uni, and NI is a long way away, when entry and exit are so difficult and expensive. He is considering Nursing or training as a Paramedic.

He trains a couple of times a week, and is playing for the Mareeba Reserves this year.

He still runs at Atherton Parkrun (see photo) as it's started up again post Covid.

Benjamin started Year 12 in January his final year at high school. Last year both boys were invited to attend the Debutants Ball as escorts for two young ladies—this was called off due to Covid 19. This year they are hoping it will happen. So Benjamin has been invited to attend the 2021 Deb. in May. At the minute he attends a weekly dance class with his partner, for 2 1/2 hours to learn all the dances they will perform on the night. He is also planning on going to the Year 12 Ball in June. He trains in soccer twice a week and often plays a game on a Friday night for the youth team.

He had also joined Joshua's team in the Wheelbarrow race, for 2021. Unfortunately this was also cancelled. Both boys competed 2 years ago, in 2 different teams.



...His love endures
forever.
Psalm 106v1

Esther has started her 2nd term in Year 8 and seems to enjoy all her subjects. But when asked she really likes HPE and Art. Youth is on every second Friday night and she looks forward to each of these. Over the past two months she has gone to football trials for her age group, under 15's. She has been successful in being chosen for the Peninsula girls team and will travel down to the southern part of the state in late May for the State Championships. She is really excited about this. Most Saturday's she plays for the Mareeba Bulls under 15's mixed team.

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In the hangar the work continues. Arnhem Land have been sending aircraft to Mareeba for maintenance as they are short staffed, so we are helping with that. Unfortunately work on the GA8 plane that was being prepared for Myanmar has come to a stop for now, due to the coup in the country. Also the new airstrip that MAF was building as a new base has been halted by order of the military government. You may remember from the previous PL a photo of the PNG caravan in the hangar for a major overhaul. Pictured below is where we are at with the caravan: no wings, no tail, no engine, no interior and no paint! Also in the photos Glenn pressing apart the main landing gear leg from the centre section with a special press that was hired in for the job. The landing gear needs to be pulled apart for a detailed inspection, the major parts measured and if serviceable put back together. Pictured below, is the instrument panel: a bit of a spaghetti mess at present. Will post a picture when it's finished with new screens, in next PL.

Glenn also has been studying for his Electrical exam which he sat on the 23rd April, and passed. One left to resit.



Some photo's of Glenn at work; clockwise: 9. In the tail section of a twin Otter, 10. Avionics upgrade on P2-MAG, 11. Fuselage and wings preparing for paint. 12. Glenn celebrated his birthday in January, and we took a cake to the hangar to surprise him at work. 13. Glenn and Ben pressing apart the landing gear of P2-MAG.

