



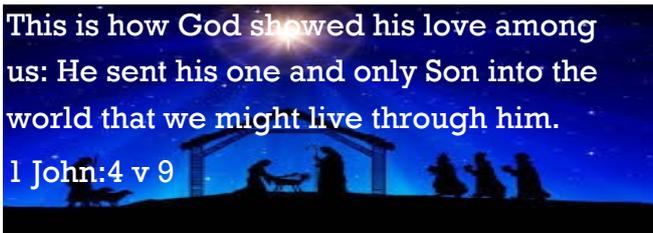
Christmas 2021



Pictured: No 1. The Hangar team, probably the last team photo before the move to the new hangar.

As 2021 draws to it's end we would like to sincerely thank you all for your prayers and financial support throughout this past year. It's been two years since our last home assignment and we were due to return again this Christmas. Unfortunately due to strict rules in entering Australia and limited flights, we will not be returning to NI this year.

- Please give thanks:
- For health during this difficult time of COVID 19.
 - For Glenn's father's successful operation and that he is recovering well.
- Please pray:
- For our future in 2022, and all that it holds—that we will know clearly where God wants us to be.
 - For Katie and her family as they celebrate Nate's life at a memorial service on 19th December.



Joshua

It's been a challenging year for Joshua. He was hoping to return to the UK and start his education again, but with Australia closing its International borders that was not an option. He signed up for a six week Bible course at Capernwray in NSW which turned into ten weeks as the whole state went into lockdown. Then when he returned to Queensland he had to do two weeks quarantine. From the 12th to 16th December he is going to be a leader at a Scripture Union camp called 'Splashout' for Years 4-6 (8-11). He is currently working on a fruit farm picking lychees. He is driving with his green 'P's.

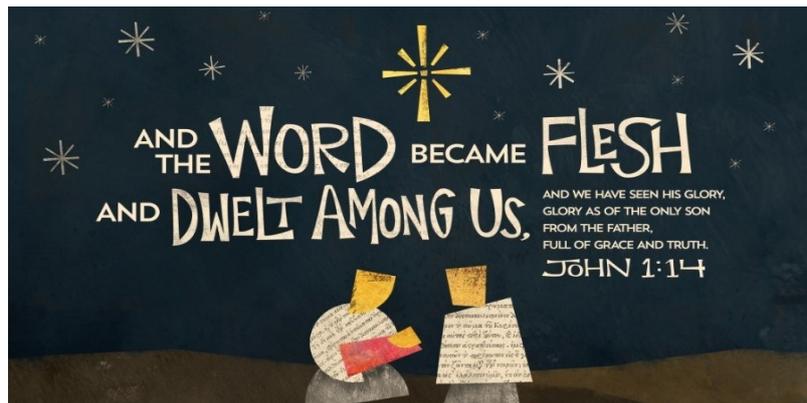
In the wild and in this world, the focus is often on mere survival. But in the kingdom of God, we not only survive, but 'thrive'! Join us on **Splashout** as we learn from famous "Survivors" how to thrive in God's kingdom. And have a whole lot of fun doing it! (SU Queensland website)

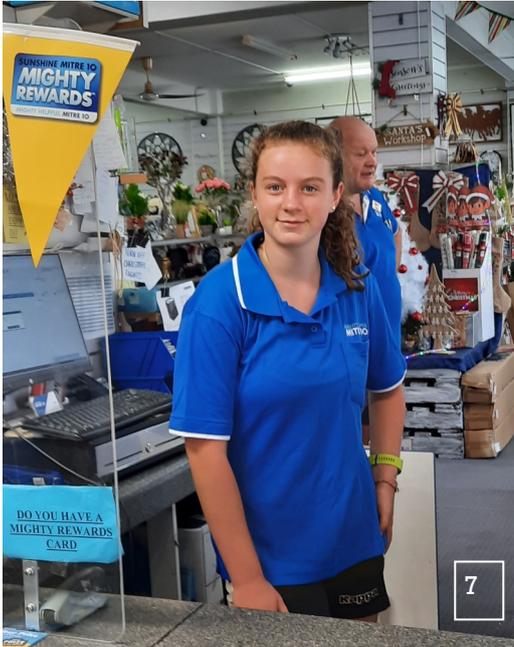


Julie Anne: As Christmas draws closer, life for most of us becomes busy both at home and work. As it's also the end of the school year here in Australia it's a very busy time. Julie Anne has been busy writing end of year reports. Jubilee Christian College had their first Prayer Day on 26th November. There were different 'prayer stations' to move around, praying for the world, their school (and future plans), themselves and their families. There were tables to write down your prayers and notes to note down a prayer and pin it onto the cross, then light a little candle to signify being 'lights in this dark world'. There was an opportunity for crafting and writing a little prayer onto that too. Different classes came in at different times. There was another area where they showed a very short MAF video and prayed for MAF around the world. We put up some MAF posters and model aircraft around the room to help the children understand better the work of MAF. She had someone make a 6 foot cross which was the focal point. Gentle prayer music floated through the rooms and little candles and scripture verses were scattered around the room. Julie Anne said it was a special day & very encouraging to read the children's prayers.



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Esther. It's the final few weeks of the school year. Esther has been busy with term exams. On the last week of the term she is off on Year 8 camp for 4 days and 3 nights. After her birthday in October (14yrs) she wrote her C.V./resume and took it around a few shops in town in the hope she would get a job. She did! The hardware store that both Joshua and Benjamin have worked in have employed her. She has done her induction and started her first job on 1st December, after school. She and both boys went to the end of year Youth party. It is now the hottest time of the year and challenging to keep cool—the party was at someone's house from church who has a pool where they swam and played games—it was a fun night.

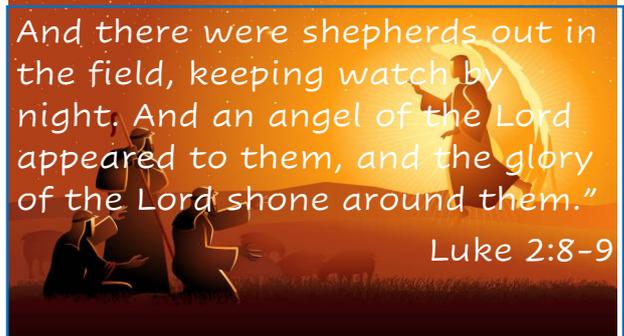
Benjamin: Graduation for Benjamin was Week 3, early in Term 4, before all the exams. So he officially graduated and then finished school in Week 4. He has been to 'Schoolies' to celebrate finishing school and is now working on the Lychee farm with Joshua, climbing lychee trees and picking fruit from 5.30am in the morning. It's a tough job as they work outdoors in the heat of the day, but it pays well for the physical labour.

His team won their district final and played the winners of a neighbouring district, Townsville, whom they also beat. So they had a very satisfying soccer season.

He is 17 1/2 years old and is driving with his red 'P's.



Pictures: 2. 6 foot cross made for Prayer Day.3. Joshua. 4-6 Scenes from Prayer Day at JCC. 5. Crafting with the Yr 3/4s 7. Esther—first day at her job. 8. Benjamin at his school graduation. 9. 'Wee cup of tea' - in the old shelter. 10. Cessna C208 Caravan.



And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them."

Luke 2:8-9

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In our last prayer letter I mentioned I would send a final photo of P2-MAG before it returned to PNG. It flew back on the week beginning 15th November. The original plan was to have the re-paint and avionics upgrade finished by last August. But there were delays when we found more corrosion and new parts had to be ordered. Also the upgrade to the avionics was slightly different than before. This also pushed the work out a little longer. We can give thanks the aircraft is now back in PNG flying. The team have been working on a GA8 aircraft making it ready to go to Arnhem Land. The aircraft is being converted from a turbo charged engine to a normally aspirated one that is better suited to the flying there. Glenn has been working on this aircraft upgrading the landing lights from normal halogen lights to LED which required rewiring the wings and adding a new switch and fuses. He also spent three days dismantling a GA8 aircraft and packing it into a container, as it's been sold and is being shipped to the Philippines.



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CHRISTMAS
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On 3rd of November MAF had a prayer day. This year it was held at nearby Atherton Baptist church. It was decided to start at 9:30 to allow time for the Cairns office folk to travel up to the Tablelands. In Mareeba we start the day at 7:30 so some of us decided to drive at that time to Atherton and go on a short hike to a nearby waterfall. We even had time for a 'wee cup of tea' in an old shelter by a disused railway, as it was raining. This was a good start to the day before spending time praying for each other and for many of the MAF programmes around the world. The move to the new hangar has been scheduled for the week starting 4th January. Since we have a break from 20th December the preparations for the move have now started in earnest. MAF has been in this hangar for just over twenty years so there is a lot of sorting, packing and throwing out to be done before the big day.