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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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Slowing right down!

These last few months have finally allowed us a chance to slow right down. 2023 was just crazy. With Naomi breaking her arm in February, Mark changing jobs, as well as multiple trips to Brisbane for training, Jenny taking on more duties at work, our whirlwind of a home assignment trip to the UK as well as a gazillion other things. Mid-December was meant to bring a short holiday for us but Cyclone

Jasper decided to visit instead. While the cyclone itself was less 'exciting' than expected, a week of flooding afterwards came as a bit of a surprise to the region. Completely washing away roads, causing many landslides, in some cases flooding through houses, large areas without power (not good when you need electricity for the aircon in the hot weather) and many local small neighbourhoods effectively

becoming islands for several days. Two months later we still have many main roads awaiting major repairs. This wet season has definitely been the wettest wet season we have ever seen here - and because life has been a bit more restrictive it was actually a good opportunity to slow down. Now 2024 is underway, we are trying to hold on to the slower pace and not get so overrun again ... we'll see how that goes!



PORT DOUGLAS 4-MILE BEACH



CYCLONE JASPER - 'STUCK' AT HOME PLAYING BOARD GAMES



MINI-BREAK IN CAIRNS!

2024 started with a new challenge for us as we have stepped up to coordinate the youth group at church. After a 6 month break from activities, there is now a bigger team of leaders and a program of events planned. With both our girls youth group age we appreciate the importance of having something available for them, but it's been a couple of decades since either of us have been youth leaders, so we're blowing off the cobwebs! We have already enjoyed a couple of fun activities with the teens and leaders.

In the hangar, the engineering team are busy getting the newer floatplane ready to serve in Papua New Guinea, including upgraded avionics, installing an oxygen system and getting the aircraft registered. Mark has spent some time on the shop floor helping with the work, installing the oxygen system and avionics shelf for HF equipment, as well as modifying the float hydraulic pump, baggage extension and air conditioning so it will all fit in the same area.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE COOLER DRYER TEMPERATURES!

Praise

- For the chance to slow down and reset a little bit over the wet summer season.
- That all Mark's training based in Brisbane is now complete - Pray for the remaining final elements.

Prayer

- That we learn to maintain a slightly less chaotic schedule.
- For us as we have started to coordinate the youth group at our church with a great team.

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MARK

OUR PASTOR HAS SAID THAT 2024 WILL BE A YEAR OF 'GETTING THINGS DONE'. AS A DEACON, I'M EMBRACING THAT AND HAVE ALREADY STARTED BY DOING A SURVEY OF THE BUILDING/ ROOM USAGE, HELPED ORGANISED THE LIBRARY, DISPOSED OF OLD BOOKS & MUSIC INCLUDING OVER-HEAD PROJECTOR TRANSPARENCIES & HAVE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF JOBS READY FOR OUR NEXT WORKING BEE AT THE CHURCH WHICH WILL INCLUDE CLEARING OUT OUR FULL CONTAINER.

JENNY

SLOWING DOWN HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO WORK ON NEW GOODIES FOR WISH POM POM. HAVING TWO MONTHS OFF THE MARKETS HAS ALSO MEANT A CHANCE TO CATCH UP ON RESTOCKING AFTER PRE-CHRISTMAS SALES! IN MARCH (AFTER 4 YEARS) I WILL BE HANDING OVER MY ROLE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT MAREEBA GYMNASTICS CLUB. IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO SERVE AS PART OF THE TEAM, ESPECIALLY WHILE NAOMI CONTINUES HER TRAINING THERE.



ABIGAIL

OVER THE LONG SCHOOL BREAK, I STARTED TO TEACH MYSELF FRENCH ON THE DUOLINGO APP AND I AM SLOWLY UNDERSTANDING A LITTLE MORE EACH DAY! I ALSO TAUGHT MYSELF TO MAKE JEWELLERY. WITH SOME TRIAL AND ERROR AND WORKING OUT MY OWN STYLE, I NOW HAVE A SMALL RANGE OF BRACELETS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WISH POM POM STALL OR SEEN AT @BIJOUXBYABI ON INSTAGRAM.



NAOMI

I REALLY ENJOYED OUR SHORT BREAK AWAY AT THE BEACH WHICH GOT DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY. IT WAS STILL WET BUT WE HAD A POOL TO SWIM IN EVERY DAY AND HAD FUN TOGETHER! I ALSO STARTED WITH THE DUOLINGO APP LEARNING SWAHILI - THANKFULLY OUR MUM CAN HELP ME AND ABI AS SHE KNOWS BOTH LANGUAGES! AT GYMNASTICS I AM STILL TRAINING 10 HOURS A WEEK AND STILL LOVING IT!

