

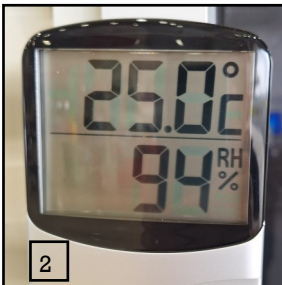


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Entrance to Quinloa Lakes where Curley's Camp is run.

Over the past 2-3 months, we have had a number of cyclones, which have brought a lot more rain to the area. They also reduced the humidity a good bit. It was such a relief from having humidity at 94%, which we had for a steady 2 weeks in January. It seems like our water table has reached its full level now, so having a breather is good for the land. The water has been flooding the fields and roads, and we hear another cyclone is on its way.

No 2: 94% humidity in the hangar



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Please give thanks:

- For the prayerful and financial support of our home churches, family and friends.
- For Joshua and Nakia, who have settled at Destiny church in Atherton, for their roles as Youth Leaders in the church and for Nakia who works there in Admin 1 day a week.

Please pray:

- For Glenn's Aircraft Engineering license. It is now well over a year and a half since he sent off the qualification and log book– there is no update yet.
- For protection for our family as JA and G continue with the course that a large group of people have been completing. For all the people that MAF help in the different parts of the world.



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At home, as we draw closer to the end of Term 1, we are beginning to think a bit more about Easter. We are considering attending Keswick again this year. As there is no camping this year at the site, we are planning to camp at Joshua & Nakia's house (on the Tablelands).



No 3: Benjamin working in the parts dept with Angel to the left.

Benjamin continues to work for MAF, and has recently been working in the Parts Department, cataloguing and sorting new parts that come in. It is lovely for Glenn to see so much of Benjamin through work.

Benjamin would very much like to be playing Futsal with his siblings, but their mixed team struggles to find sufficient girls, and does not need extra guys.

He is not here he is risen!! Luke 24: 6

Julie Anne was in Brisbane staff meeting and team building activities at the end of January. One activity was to construct a canoe from cardboard that would last the length of the pool. Julie Anne was voted to canoe for her team and she made it to the end of the pool, JUST! It was lots of fun! On the SWAN (Students With Additional Needs) side, JA will head down to the next staff meeting in Brisbane again in Term 2, and will go early and stay late, in order to have some extra time with other SWAN Teachers. SWAN team in FNQ is still made up of only 2 staff, so we 2 are hoping that we become 3 early in Term 2.

JA has also been asked to join the school Mission team, heading away for a week at the end of Term 2. We will be a team of 12 students (and 3 staff) and we are partnering closely with Scripture Union Australia as this will be the first time for the school to send out a Mission team. We will be travelling for about 12 hours on the school bus to Emerald, a rural town in central Queensland, and do some outreach in 3 schools.

No4: Julie Anne ready for the Canoe race!



Glenn & JA have joined a 6 week course on Spiritual Warfare at church. We read through a book with the same name as the course, written by Dean Sherman (with Bill Payne). It is proving to be a good read, with various challenging sections, providing good openings for discussion with the other folk who on the course. A couple of challenging questions have been, “How does a defeated devil retain such a grip on the earth?” and “Why does a loving God allow evil?”

Like most places, since the pandemic, house prices are very high, and rentals difficult to find. Our rent just keeps going up so we decided last year to sell our house in N.I. (it needed some renovating) and plan to buy something here rather than paying rent. We have started to look but it seems the one’s around our budget require work, (kitchen & bathroom) and the ones we could move into are above our budget. We are trusting God to guide us to the right house for us.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

Esther started Year 11 in January and is studying English, Maths Methods, Food and Nutrition, Biology, a Cert 3 in Fitness and a Cert 2 in Health.

She went to Curley's Camp (photo 1) in January and had a wonderful time, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Her football season officially begins at the start of March, and she is very much looking forward to these games. She plays in the Premier Ladies class. This is also the school sports term, when the Tablelands and Peninsula teams get picked and prepare for Brisbane. Esther has been selected to play for Peninsula in May. She is also in training for the Volleyball team at Tablelands level, and she has been playing some Futsal in Atherton with her eldest brother and his wife for their church team. Playing her 3 favourite sports makes life very enjoyable (but tiring) at the moment.



No 5: Can you guess which one is Esther? The annual foam flight at Curley's camp.

No 6: Esther with her friends at a special breakfast event in Cairns.

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Glenn: After the Christmas break, work in the hangar has been busy. One of the two Cessna Caravans from Arnhem land was in for a big check and some print touch ups. Glenn had a surprise while inspecting inside the fuel tanks of the aircraft - a small frog!! It's possible it was in the hose of the refueling truck in Arnhem land and got injected in. For about five weeks now the team have been working on an amphibious caravan that had been in Bangladesh and is being prepared for PNG in early April. Unfortunately while he was inspecting the floats he found corrosion which had to be removed. Glenn and another engineer have spent almost four weeks removing the corrosion, making doublers (strengtheners), drilling almost 1,800 holes then riveting these doublers in place and wet (with a sealer) which was a sticky job to say the least.



No7: Riveting the 1,800 holes.
 No 8: Nakia leading their Youth night at their church.
 No9: "the frog"

Joshua and Nakia have settled into Destiny Church in Atherton, near to where they are living. They have agreed to be the Youth Leaders there (after being leaders at SU Splashout camp again for the 3rd year in a row), and they have taken on a big role in the Young Adults group. They very much enjoy working with young people and building relationships with them. Joshua continues to work full time in Atherton State Primary School while Nakia works at the Hospital in Mareeba and 1 day in Destiny Church in Administration.

They are looking forward to having some ducklings in their home, after Joshua builds a little house for them. He enjoys playing Futsal in Atherton and running for Red Earth Running club. Nakia likes to get to Zumba when she can and enjoys crafting when she has time.