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A Word from Pastor Stewart...

.For past few months I have spent quite a bit of time reading and re-reading Palm 103. Parts of it and themes from it have permeated the last three newsletter articles under the titles, Praise the Lord, In the presence of God and Worship: The Master Key. And this month I bring this series on Praise to a close (for now).

Just as we have focused on the opening two verses of Psalm 103 for the past three newsletters, we do the same again this month.

**Let all that I am praise the LORD;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.**

**Let all that I am praise the LORD;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.**

I find these few words so complete. David desires to praise God with his whole being. Not just an external veneer, but the core of his humanity, the heart. The heart is the centre from which our desires and our will are born and shaped, and the soil from which our actions sprout. The Holy name of God is uppermost in the mind of David as he offers praise. A Holy God is beyond any other, He is higher, more powerful, more loving, more gracious, more forgiving, more understanding and so on. There is none to whom we can compare our God. And this God, this Holy God, does good things, and David says, do not let me ever forget them.

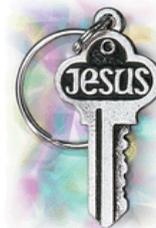
In our current sermon series from Matthew's gospel, we started with the Beatitudes, and these could be summed up by saying those that seek God with all their heart are a people who are blessed by God. We have continued and discovered these people have become salt and light, an example for the world to see and know God. As disciples, we are called to be people of righteousness, a rightness with God which is more than lip service. As disciples, we are commanded to live a life according to the teachings of Jesus, which introduce us to kingdom ethics and standards. Jesus words, actions and deeds reveal God to us and through Jesus life we learn to praise God all the more. Nothing He did or said was outside the Father's will and all He did and said was to direct praise and glory to God.

As we praise God, we get to know Him all the better. As we praise God, we understand all the more what He has done for us. As we praise God we understand more and more of His great love and compassion for the world He made. As we live a life of praise to God our light and saltiness will be evident in our good deeds so that everyone will praise our Heavenly Father.

So, I encourage you to read all of Psalm 103. Read it slowly, meditate on it. Is God central to your praise and worship? Do you seek to praise Him in all you do? Is your focus in faith self-centred or truly God centred?

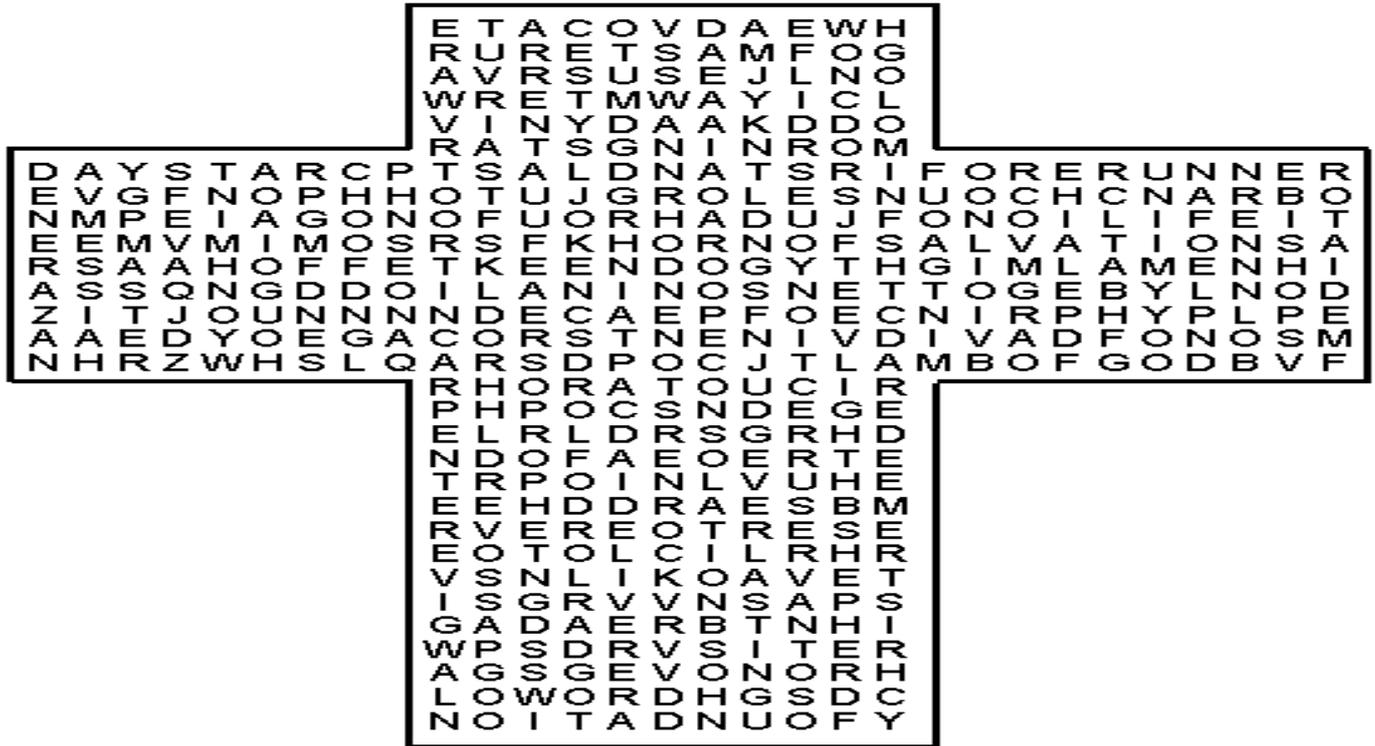
My hope and prayer for us as we begin to gather again, is that we can set aside some of our personal preferences and in unison turn our hearts and minds in unimpeded praise to God.

Pastor Stewart.



Just for fun...

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

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Church Family Events for your Diary...Haha

- Any given day....
- Get up, spend time with God & have breakfast
- Take a trip to the bathroom.
- Tour the kitchen for snacks.
- Venture outside for some exercise.
- Have lunch & clean up.
- Monday: Contemplate Sermon & ZOOM with Bec & Luke
- Tuesday: Think about writing a 'Who Am I?' for Vicki.
- Wednesday: Free Day & pray for LBC family
- Thursday: Read LBC Weekly
- Friday: Prepare for the weekend.



LBC Ministries...

This Breakfast/Bible Study is part of a series of informal, interactive studies for men in the historical books of the Old Testament. BYO Bible and a healthy appetite for Breakfast. RSVP for breakfast to Bruce—0419 501 528 or Gordon—0412 349 886

Commences this Saturday 6th June



If you are interested in joining a group please speak with Pastor Stewart.



Blingg Craft

Ladies craft will now have to be done at home for a while. We would love to see what you are busy working on...Send us a photo of your 'craft' and we will post some into the next newsletter. Share with us your creations so we can all admire your handiwork.



You can listen to past sermons on either our church website (www.lb.org.au) or via the link shared on Facebook

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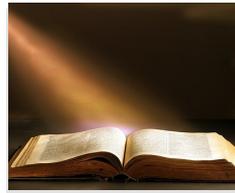
In Action -Prayer on the move for God

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM ZOOMING into Prayer!!

Every second Monday night

@ 7.30pm there is a ZOOM prayer group in the home of Luke and Bec Williams. This group is for the express purpose of praying for the needs of our Church family and the direction and vision of the Church. If you are interested please see Luke or Bec or contact the church office for details.

“Be anxious for nothing, **but in everything by prayer and supplication**, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”
Philippians 4:6.

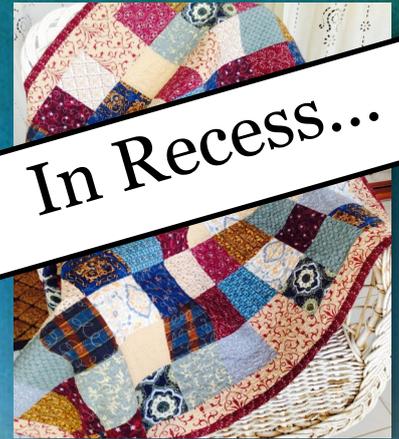


...Connecting us with God, each other

Have you been connecting with LBC Connections each Sunday? If you have yet to have a look, I encourage you to check it out. You'll see some familiar faces and hear from Pastor Stewart (& others) each week as we continue to be faithful to opening God's Word. Currently we are working through a new series called 'The Sermon on the Mount.



In Recess...



Make & Mingle

It's about fellowship and support. Its a great time of sharing and talking. So if your just wanting to sit, talk and share come to the church on Thursday morning, 9.30 - 12.00, and "mingle". **You can of course bring along your craft!!**



Corona 'Prizes'



It's not too late!

Every Thursday in our LBC News we are having a 'Who Am I?' guessing game.

Send in your answer (first attempt will be counted) & at the end of our church restrictions I will count up the correct answers and the winner will receive a prize.

Hint: LBC Weekly news comes out at 4pm each Thursday afternoon.

If you have a 'Who Am I?' entry please send it in to the office so we can learn more about you as we have some fun together!



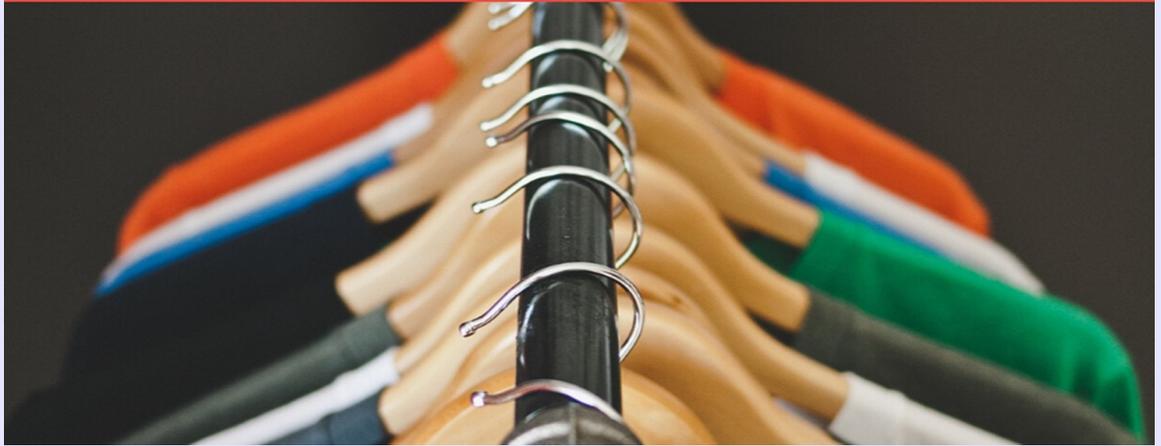
All things Mustard



THE MUSTARD TREE
OP SHOP & CAFE

STARTING AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE, WE
HAVE NEW TRADING HOURS!

We will be open from
10am-2pm on Tuesdays and
Thursdays!



Help Needed:

We are looking for a couple of people willing to help each Monday morning around 8.30am to pick up produce from Aldi Lilydale. We have been very fortunate to be offered this pick up and the fruit, vegetables and bread that Aldi allow us to take fill our fridges and freezers. It is a blessing to be able to pass these goods on to our clients throughout the week.

If you have a large car or ute, can lift reasonably heavy loads and have free time each Monday morning, please contact Judy Huddleston at The Mustard Tree on 97353500.



Foodbank Update:

We have seen approximately 65 people in May for food and pharmacy assistance. This number is around half of those we would normally see each month. With the Op Shop re-opening for two days each week we predict numbers will increase.

Many thanks to those who have dropped in donations of food to The Mustard Tree and to all who have given monetary gifts electronically. These have helped us greatly to keep the shelves stocked. Thank you also to all those who have been praying for the ministry. While most of us have been in isolation we have seen God working through those who have continued to serve each week in Foodbank. There have been great conversations, times of praying with clients and many thankful recipients of food. For many, to get out of the house and have someone to talk to and to receive a box or trolley of food, has been a real blessing.



TMT Cafe



The TMT Café will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am—2pm. We will have a limited menu and limited seating and be taking all precautions to ensure we are Covid safe. Take-away is also available

Something Savoury

- Soup of the Day
with toast or roll - \$7.00
- Curry & Rice - \$7.00
- Nachos - \$7.50

Toasted Sandwiches

- Cheese - \$3.50
- Cheese & Tomato - \$4.00
- Ham & Cheese - \$4.50
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato - \$5.00

Kids Sandwiches - \$2.00

(honey, vegemite, peanut butter, sprinkles)

Something Sweet

- Raisin Toast (per slice) - \$2.00
- Biscuits - \$2.50
- Scone, Jam & Cream - \$3.00
- Muffins - \$3.50
- Slices (GF available) - \$4.00
- Cake - \$5.00

Drinks – Hot

- Coffee - \$4.00
- Cappuccino, Espresso, Cafe Latte, Flat White, Long Black
- Mocha - \$4.00
- Chai Latte - \$4.00
- Hot Chocolate - \$4.00
- Tea – Mug \$2.00 Pot \$4.00
- Baby Chino - 50c
- Soy, Almond & Lactose Free Milk - add 50c
- Double Shot – add 50c



Drinks – Cold

- Milk Shake
- Small - \$3.50 Large - \$5.00
- Loaded Shake - \$6.00
- Smoothies \$5.00
- Iced Coffee/Chocolate - \$5.00
- Spider- \$4.00

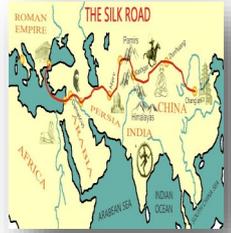


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K PEOPLE David & Eliza

How can they hear about Him (Jesus) unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14



PEOPLE OF THE SILK ROAD

David and Eliza, along with their children, Jude, Dustin and Caitlyn continue to focus much of their time on understanding the K culture and learning the local language. This enables them to have deep spiritual conversations and share the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to their K friends.

K PEOPLE Ben & Petra

They are involved in the lives of a growing circle of friends and are always looking for ways to connect deeply with K people. David is exploring how to use his metal and woodworking skills, and farming experience to get alongside local men. The team has established an English Teaching and Community Centre, where Eliza teaches.

Please pray for David and Eliza and their family as they deal with Corona Virus Covid 19 in much the same way that we are dealing with it. Pray that God will keep them safe and free from contracting the virus.

Pray that Ben and Petra will be able to return to work with the K people as soon as travel restrictions are lifted.



SOLOMON ISLANDS Eric and Jemima Maefonea (Josiah, Amos, Erima & Vicki)



Praise God For Eric's recovery from an ear infection

Praise God, someone has donated a piece of Land to Bethel Leadership and Ministry Training Centre (BLMTC). The Board decided for the BLMTC to have its own facility. The centre will have a classroom, Library and office. This is a huge step of faith.

Pray for God's direction for me as I am one of the nominated candidates for our denomination national leadership (Bishop) election in October.

Pray for Eric's evangelistic open-air preaching this weekend organized by a local church to reach out to their community.

Pray for Eric's speaking appointment over the Pentecost Weekend as he travels to Malaita for this program.

Pray for strength, good health and God's continues provision.

God Bless Eric



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WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

**Michael &
Charlotte Corden**

Covid-19 has obviously stopped any interaction with Torres Strait Islanders, particularly as they are stated to be more vulnerable.

However, on Monday this week I had a call from Moses Mene in the Torres Strait who has said that once they are freer to move around to the other island communities in the Torres Strait, a small group want to make visits sharing the news of the Bible translation. And he has requested that we could provide about 30 Yumplatok Bibles for them to have on hand.

We also recently met up with an Islander lady in Cairns, Gennie Bani, who has done some checking work for us in the past. She seemed interested in being involved in doing some recording of the Bible.

We were planning to have a recording workshop this month with a sound recorder coming up from Adelaide. Covid intervened and we don't know when he can now come. So it would good to find someone here in Cairns who could provide some assistance or at least some hands-on teaching for myself so that we can get the best quality recordings

Charlotte now has a largely inflamed Achilles tendon in her right leg, along with the after effects of the DVT in her other leg. . This is significantly restricting her mobility. She needs to keep her legs up most of the time to limit the swelling. It is causing her a lot of frustration.

We praise the Lord that for our newly moved in neighbor Julie, a recent widow. Charlotte is developing a good relationship with Julie. Charlotte has already shared with her about the Lord.

Alexis. His bowel issues seems to be settling down, after 12 months of concern. Praise the Lord.

Needless to say we are not able to be working with Islanders at present and are like many people essentially stuck at home. I will be working through the recordings of Scripture that have been waiting for editing.

That's a little background to us as present.

God Bless Michael & Charlotte



Because he bends
down to listen, I will
pray as long as I
have breath.

- Psalm 116:2

They that wait
upon the Lord
will renew
their strength
They shall
mount up with
wings of eagles
They shall run
and not grow
weary
They shall walk
and not be
faint



Thank God for what you have
... Trust God for what you need

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POWER TO CHANGE

Dave & Judy Huddleston (Tim, Liam & Caitlin) - Deputy National Director & Member Services Leader



Huddleston/Power to Change praise and prayer points

- o Give thanks for the many ways God has looked after us. Tim, Liam and Caitlin have persevered well with their individual online study commitments. Due to restrictions, Liam has been unable to complete his 3 week school teaching placement. Thankfully, he has been advised he will have additional placement blocks included in 2nd semester at uni.
- o Caitlin has now made the transition and returned to at-school learning. She will turn 18 on the 14th June and is definitely looking forward to a few less restricted celebrations! Scott has also just returned to teaching in his school classroom.
- o Dave has continued to meet regularly with the National Crisis Response Team to assess, monitor and communicate about the impact of COVID-19 upon Power to Change. We are seeking to develop a National Guidelines for Re-engagement document, to be rolled out before the end of June to enable re-engagement with in-person ministry, together with the staged reopening of our main offices in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.
- o We'd welcome your prayers as 25 participants and 6 facilitators prepare to gather together over Zoom for 4 days of Core Missionary Training from 15 - 18 June. Team members will be joining from their homes in Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Dave serves on the team and will be facilitating several input sessions.

Power to Change is hosting a Digital Winter Conference in July. It will be replacing our regular state-based Mid Year Conferences. This will be a unique National event with students from universities around the country tuning in for three days of Bible teaching, practical training and plenty of online fun. May God grant wisdom to those with coordination roles and may many students be prompted to register by the June 17 deadline.

God Bless

Dave & Judy



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JEWELS OF HOPE

**Lesotho Dawn Taylor
Australian Marketing
Manager**

Praise that:

.Betty (Jewels of Hope project manager) and Daniel (administrator) have been able to purchase and deliver food parcels to help those in the project during these difficult times

- -Dawn is feeling much better in herself and is gradually able to do more

Pray for:

.wisdom for Betty to know when will be the right time for the project to open again especially in that it usually closes down for two months from the middle of June for the winter break

- - continued healing for Dawn that the blood clot will completely dissolve and for her return to full health and strength

Thank you,

Dawn

**Dickson & Jennifer Chilele
BAPTIST UNION Zambia**

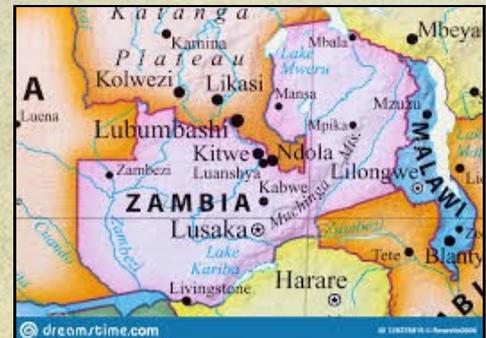
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Please continue to pray for Dickson as he continues his studies at the Theological College and for Jennifer as she keeps things going at home.

Also pray that the family will be protected from the Corona Virus Covid 19.

1 Chronicles 16:24

“Declare his glory among the



Isaiah 6:8-9

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And



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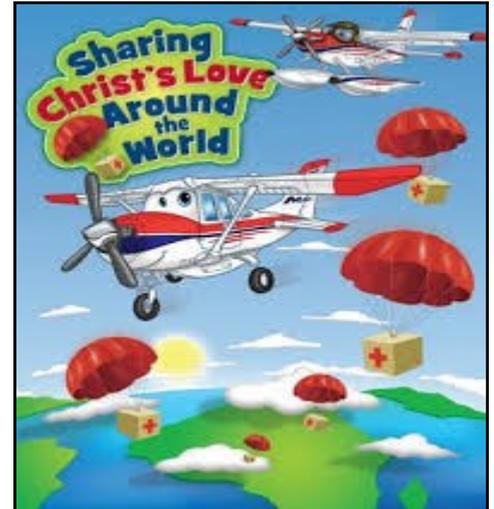
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**MAF—MISSION
AVIATION
FELLOWSHIP**

**Marcus and Julie
Grey – Chief Pilot**



Prayer:

*Marcus left early this morning (27/05) to head to Timor Leste, via Brisbane & Darwin. He will be relieving the 2 remaining MAF pilots (Jason and Andy) as they fly one of the aircraft to Mareeba for maintenance, reunite with family and have a well deserved rest. Marcus will be assisting our newest MAF Timor pilot (Tim) as he also returns to the country, leaving his young family in Australia.

*Please pray for the situation and people in Timor. Continued health and safety for our local staff and for all the logistics to come together for the ferry flight and the pilots travelling internationally.

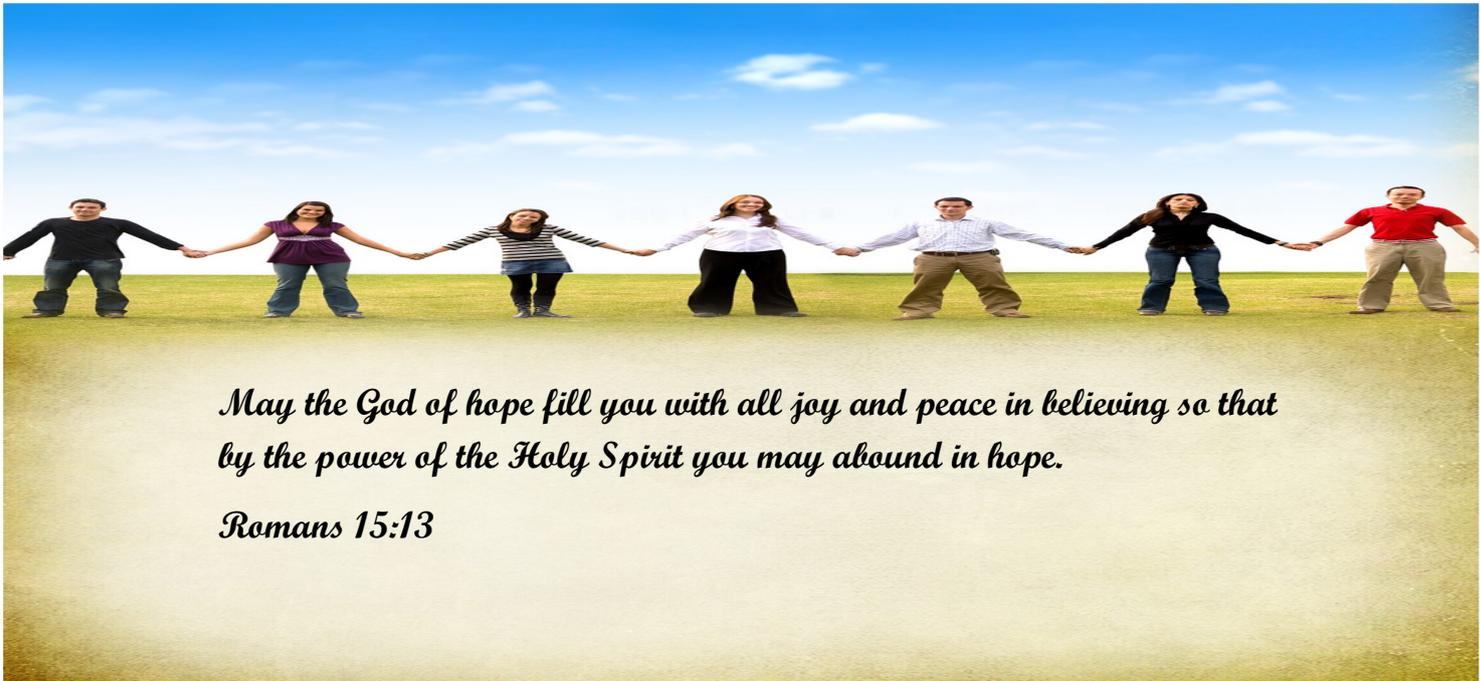
Praise:

We are thankful that permission was granted by the Timor & Australian Gov'ts for our pilots to travel and continue to conduct urgent flights during this time.

*Praise God that Marcus can also return to Mareeba (after Timor) to conduct flights and tests for our Instructors and students, after the 2 week quarantine period.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of MAF worldwide, particularly in these uncertain times. God is in control and we can trust Him.

Thanks for your love and prayers Marcus & Julie



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13

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MAF PILOT AND HOME SUPPORT David and Jen Pett

Here are our prayer points for June:

We give thanks that Graham & Toni and Jonathan & Johanna have found suitable homes and finance last week, and are now completing the legal processes

Please uphold Jen as she awaits the results of her six monthly health tests, and our UK family still under tight restrictions.

Please give thanks for government financial support in the UK and Australia that is helping to cushion MAF's finances whilst most flying programs are significantly curtailed around the world.

Please pray for safety as limited flying resumes in PNG after the lockdown; airstrip conditions and maintenance are being reassessed before reopening airstrips.

Please give thanks for cargo and special medical flights that we have been permitted to perform in support of COVID-19 testing, medevacs and humanitarian aid.

Please pray for our many overseas staff in fragile contexts, who are coping with major disruption to their home assignment and leave plans, and even extended separation of family members.

God Bless

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God It is he who made us and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Psalm 100

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**OVERSEAS MISSION
FELLOWSHIP**

**Simon and Meg Crittle
(Melanie)**



- **PRAISE:** That Meg is able to study the final unit for her Graduate Diploma of Divinity, thanks to Melbourne School of Theology presenting a special online winter semester, in response to the current social restrictions.
- **PRAY:** For Meg as she works on her final unit, The Letter to the Hebrews, including two major essays. This New Testament letter is particularly relevant for Japanese Christians today.
- **PRAISE:** That the current situation has led to Simon making unexpected (separate) connections with two young men in our local area: one, a Japanese spiritual seeker needing English help; the other, an Australian businessman wanting to grow in his Christian faith.
- **PRAY:** For God's wisdom in helping these men, each of whom shows potential to become a person who naturally expresses and shares faith in Christ.
- **PRAISE:** For ongoing connection (via internet video or text) with Japanese families and individuals, both in Australia and in Japan. Praise also for the openness that many are showing.



**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel
Mark 16:15**

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CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Matt Inglis



Sorry, I`m not quite sure when the deadline actually is, but here are my prayer/praise points:

Praise God that our online/distance learning at the Christian school where I teach science part-time has gone pretty smoothly overall in recent months. Please pray for wisdom and God`s protection over our school community as we gradually transition back into on-campus learning from the start of June. Please also pray for God`s provision as two of my four part-time jobs remain on indefinite hiatus and the third remains on greatly reduced hours.

In Christ, Matt



Melissa van Leeuwen

Centre for Disease Control in the NT

CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Praise God for successful heart valve surgery for Azzariah, a 4 year old from northern SA, who had surgery at the Royal Children`s Hospital in mid May. Pray that he and his mum, Farina, will soon be able to return to Alice Springs, and then their home in South Australia.

Pray for the CDC team in Alice Springs as we plan and prepare for any future outbreaks of COVID-19. Whilst we are praying that we don`t get any more cases (we`ve had 4 so far), we are trying to put in place plans for what to do if COVID-19 cases were to occur in some of our high risk places, like remote communities, nursing homes or prison (amongst other places). Pray that as restrictions continue to be eased in the NT that we won`t see a second wave of COVID-19.

Thanks again

Melissa

What have you been up to during this time of isolation? Please share, we would love to see some of your creations, or hear about something special that has been happening during this time : or a blessing that you have received.

Chris Wright has been busy making teddies following a request from her five year old grandson. She didn't have a pattern and had to improvise -

She says, "There was one for Roger, Isla and Mummy for Mother's Day . I never thought I had the ability. Amazing what you can do when given the challenge, along with some quick prayers".



Its amazing what we can do, when we have the time , maybe some others can share what they have been up to, during their time of isolation, and we can inspire others, to have a go also.

We would love to see your creations, thank you Chris for sharing these beautiful little teddies with us, we hope your grandchildren and your daughter enjoyed them too.

