

Campbell Ramblings

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Equipping translation work in Papua New Guinea

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This newsletter makes it four different posting locations for the year – Ukarumpa, Townsville, Comboyne, and now, Kangaroo Ground – indicative of what 2021 has involved for us.... lots of packing, travelling, and re-packing. It will be early January before we settle into one area for more than a month, back in our Townsville home.



The works of His fingers...

The travelling has taken us to some beautiful places, with such a variety of landscapes across our broad land.... well, the eastern side of it at least. Google has done her best (I say “her” because of the annoyingly calm voice) to send us down some challenging shortcuts to save a few minutes out of our seven-hour journey. Elspeth’s emergency navigating skills are certainly developing nicely.

Prayer points

*What shall I render to the LORD for
all His benefits to me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and
call on the name of the LORD.*

Psalm 116:12-13

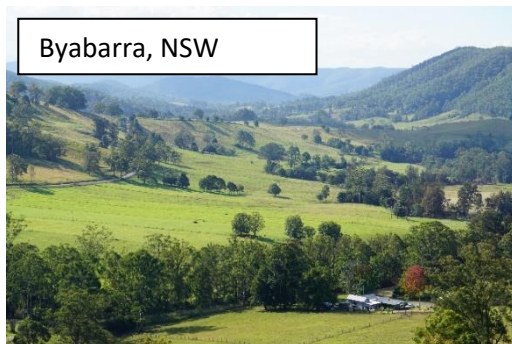
Ministry

- We are thankful for the many encouraging emails and notes we have received along the way.
- Thanks also to those who have provided a bed, meals, and a vehicle to get us this far.
- Praise that we were able to be of some use during our time in Kangaroo Ground. It also was a great opportunity to build on relationships with a number of our Aussie contacts.
- Pray for the process of us returning to PNG (see page 4). We need to sort out matters with our Townsville house, and finalise our medicals and financial requirements.
- Please pray to the Lord of the harvest regarding the great need for finance staff in Wycliffe roles around the globe (see page 2).

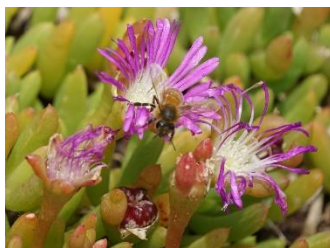
Cape Schank, VIC



Byabarra, NSW



There's also
beauty in the
finest detail
of creation.



Crescent Head, NSW

We expected to face delays at the border crossing from NSW into Victoria, (similar to our QLD to NSW experience [blog [Singing too-ral-li, oo-ral-li, addity](https://campbellramblings.org/blog/singing-too-ral-li-oo-ral-li-addity), 13 Sept], but there was no delay.... also no safety cones, no barriers, no police, with the only signage stated 'Welcome to Victoria'.

Kangaroo Ground...

In case you haven't Googled it already, Kangaroo Ground is the location of the National Centre for Wycliffe in Australia. It was always our intention to spend some time here during our furlough, serving in whatever capacity we could. In the end, our timing (well... God's timing actually) was perfect, as many staff were back in their offices for the first time in months when we arrived. The COVID restrictions have impacted Wycliffe mission activities as they have for most aspects of life in Victoria.

Keith has been helping out in Finance, and Elspeth is putting her skills to work in the Personnel office. With our input limited to just several weeks due largely to COVID issues limiting our travel options, we did not expect to be that useful, but the local staff are so thankful to have us here – it certainly opens your eyes to the needs on 'the home front' as well as in faraway places such as PNG.

p.s. Yes.... we are rugged up indoors as the mercury has rarely made it out of the mid-teens. We think we actually experienced spring one day last week.



Just outside our unit door...



A global need...

Elspeth had the opportunity to develop some skills in a tool used to track international staffing roles with Wycliffe. In a search of opportunities to work just in the Finance area, she found.... wait for it... 50 vacancies for long-term and short-term roles, across 26 different regions. Zoom out, as it were, and there are over 1700 roles worldwide waiting to be filled.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Liliana Elaine Boyle...

The new Pa and Nanna have exercised much restraint in leaving it till page three to show off the most beautiful child born this century. **Let the “ooo’s” and “aahhh’s” commence.....**



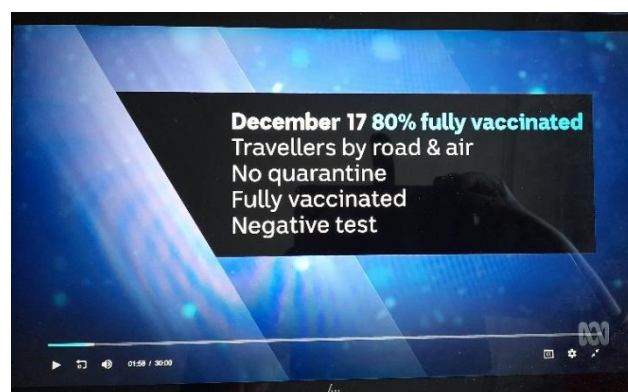
Keith's mum and dad are absolutely chuffed to be great-grandparents. To see them together with Liliana was certainly a highlight.



♪ Happy birthday dear Keee-eith ♪...

Keith is very thankful for his upcoming birthday gift from Annastacia Palaszczuk.... an open Queensland border on December 17. The good news is not even dampened one bit by the prospect of a fluffy stick being shoved up the nose.

We still need to navigate the logistics of obtaining the test in Northern NSW on December 24, together with our daughter Elisabeth as passenger, with the results coming by text message in time for us to cross the border on the 27th. Please be praying for the process to be without long delays, so that we can make the most of Christmas time with family in Maclean, NSW.



We need to talk...

Ominous words from a parent or serious-looking spouse, and though you aren't in trouble, there is something important we need to share.

Our trip to Victoria involved discussions around our future ministry and a return to PNG in 2022. The health issues Keith experienced during our final six months in PNG appeared to have sorted themselves out, and we have been given the okay to return pending our financial support being in order.



And here's the issue. While in PNG, the Board of Wycliffe Australia has expressed a concern that missionaries serving for extended periods are likely to find themselves financially disadvantaged upon retirement such that they are unable to provide for themselves in terms of housing, obtaining and maintaining a vehicle, health care, etc.,.

It is the determination of the Board that existing minimum wage requirements in Australia should be applied to mission staff, and our financial support while serving in the field should also provide an appropriate amount to be saved for future needs. To that end, our ministry budget has been raised and we require an additional \$1,600 per month.

To be honest, this came as a bit of a shock to us, as we have always accepted that God has moved individuals and churches to support our ministry, and we have never gone without. Yet, we still feel that serving in Wycliffe is where the Lord wants us, and are choosing to respect those who take seriously their calling to care for us and guide us along that road.

Following discussions here, we have been approved to return to PNG from March 2022 for a 12-month assignment, aware that we will have already been a year away from our roles, on the understanding that we return to Australia in 2023 to focus on building our financial support base up to the required level.

We would appreciate two things from you, our supporters, in this current situation. Firstly, pray with us for God's leading as we seek additional support options, and that we trust Him to provide. Secondly, if you have any questions or comments regarding our financial support structures, please get in touch with us by email or phone. You are our partners in this ministry – through both prayer and finances – and we value your contribution.

Prayer points

Personal

- Pray for Elisabeth & Shawn as they work through relocating from Townsville to Perth. Shawn departs December, Elisabeth some time in February.
- Pray for God's leading in dealing with our Townsville house once our family tenants leave. They have been such a blessing to have!
- Pray for Keith's Mum who is steadily struggling health-wise. Give thanks that Dad is able to care for her.
- Pray that all can be resolved for us to return to PNG in April 2022.

Furlough plans – Dec to Mar 2022

- Christmas with Liliana... oh.. and 3/4 of our adult children will be there as well! :D
- **Jan** - Help Elisabeth pack up for their move to Perth
- **Feb** - Deal with our vacated house in Townsville
- **Mar** - Revisit SE Queensland supporters now that the COVID restrictions have eased.

How to partner with the Campbell's....

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