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Greetings from the West Kimberley,

It has been so good to have a couple of wet season storms recently because we have been hanging out for rain! It has been a very hot and dry 'wet season' this year with our lowest minimum temperature for the past month being 28 and the average daytime temp being 39.5.

Ladies Bible study has resumed at Mowanjum, with around 8-10 women attending each week. It is so good to have a couple of young women coming for the first time. Afterwards, one of them approached Linda for prayer and expressed her desire to change.

One (older) lady, who came in late the other day had already done her chapter at home beforehand because she knew she was going to be late. It is good to see the women getting into the book we are studying at the moment "**How to Become Part of God's Family**" produced by the Bible League especially for Aboriginal people. A praise point is that 3 guys just started Bible study with Greg at Mowanjum (in the building next door to the women). Please be praying that more men will hear about this and come along.

At the Derby Playgroup Linda has been approached by 2 of the women (Christians) for parenting classes. It was wonderful to have both couples (husbands & wives) come along to our home this week on different nights and soak up the teaching. Both couples are believers and enjoyed the first session of the Families God's Way course called "**Our Family - Our Future**". The first couple that came are keen to commit to the more in depth 18 week parenting course and the other couple are looking forward to continuing with the 6 week **Families God's Way (FGW)** course that has been designed especially for Aboriginal families. Their comment was that this was just what they needed for their family.

Linda (& possibly Greg) has also been asked to be ready to share some parenting tips and teaching with

the playgroup as a whole. Please also pray that this opportunity will eventuate and that we will have the wisdom what we should share and how. We would like to create interest at the playgroup and then follow up interested people with more in depth Christian content (ie; the whole FGW course).

Greg continues to visit the Mowanjum Community Resource Centre each Tuesday to help with the 30+ computers there and to get alongside anyone who needs his help. Recently he was helping someone to produce a funeral booklet. He is also on standby to do more computer training with the rangers in future.



Derby Playgroup

Our home has been well used each Sunday night by a growing group of Christians for a pot luck meal and fellowship time. We have been recently working through a DVD series by Ken Legg called "**Firm Foundations - Building Your Life on the Finished Work of Christ**" which has been excellent. The number of cars outside has been drawing attention from some of our Mowanjum friends who are keen to join us. (We had 3 Mowanjum ladies join in last Sunday. They want to come back because they enjoyed the teaching.)

Our weekly visits to Looma have had to stop for the time being because, as you will see over, Jacob (our oldest son & 'babysitter' for Zac & Aaron) left home for study. This means that it is no longer practical for us to be out Thursday nights and be arriving home late. We would like to keep in contact with the Looma people and plan to get out there with the boys when we can. For now we will be focusing more on local ministry in Derby and Mowanjum and catching up with Looma people when they come into Derby for shopping.

We thank you for your continuing prayers and support and are excited to see all that God will do this year in the lives of the people you are praying for.

FAMILY NEWS



Jacob has now moved down to Adelaide and is living with his auntie, uncle and cousins. It has been really good for him to have family around to support him as he makes this transition and gets used to city life (especially the driving). Pray for him as he settles into his studies at University.



Hayley is back into her media studies at TAFE. This year she is working towards a Diploma of Media Studies - Film & Video, which she is enjoying. She has been getting practical experience by being on the media team at a large church, and recently took part in a Youth Alive event doing camera work.

Zac & Aaron were sad to see their older siblings leave after the Christmas break, but they have adjusted pretty well and are getting into their swimming club, the Derby Sharks, along with their drum lessons and regular home schooling. Below they are pictured with Jerome Birch, who came and visited the Kimberley on a ministry trip recently.



On the way to Looma with Jerome.

Recently Zach & Aaron took part in the Derby Swim Classic Event to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Zach managed 80 laps of the 25 m pool and Aaron managed 34 laps.



Siblings saying farewell at the Derby airport.



FOR PRAYER

- Praise God for the good number of women coming to Bible study at Mowanjum. And praise God for the men's group starting up.
- Praise God for those that have started doing the parenting courses. Pray for them that they will continue to be free & committed to this.
- Praise God for the work Greg has had at the Mowanjum Resource Centre. Pray for his interactions there.
- Praise God for the kids and all He is doing in their lives. Please pray for their continued growth in their relationship with Him, especially for Jacob as he gets used to Uni.
- Please pray for wisdom for Linda's involvement at playgroup & for opportunities there to share biblical parenting principles.
- Pray for those coming to our home for encouragement, fellowship & Christian growth.

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