

Hi St Giles Family,

We got a real shock when we saw the deposit in our bank account. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our Christmas was pretty chaotic, 29 for lunch. The caravan and every bedroom had a family in it. That means 10 adults and 11 children. Extended family members found other accommodation in Coota - we even borrowed a house. Praise the lord for 3 loos and a swimming pool. The kids had a great time together.

Sadly I (Richard) contracted Covid (I have no idea who generously gave it to me) on the 29th Dec before everyone left and so was in isolation..grr! It was hard to wave goodbye to Simon, Lydia and Martin without being able to give them a hug. I didn't want to jeopardize their return to NZ.

Gladly no one caught it except Sue who succumbed after everybody left, and still no one caught it.

Sue is almost clear of it and apart from a bad cold and tiredness, we are fine. The isolation has allowed us to catch up and put the house back to some semblance of order and I have begun translating again. I finished Psalm 119 and now am having a break from Psalms (36 done so far), I am working on Revelation. Wow, what a book!

At the end of January I (Richard) am flying to Darwin for a 3 day translators conference. It will be good to attend that. I think Sue plans to paint the back bedroom. It is pink and purple and it is time!..... the glass spangly chandelier went very soon after we moved in 7 years ago.

Praise points.

- \* We didn't become too sick with Covid. That none of the family caught it!
- \* Christmas was the first time in years that all our boys were together under our roof at the same time. That the grandkids all got on well. Jonathan(18) had fun with some of my tools.
- \* Canteen Creek church is carrying on with ministry.

Prayer Points

- \* for continued healing after Covid.
- \* for house / dog minders during May-Early September.
- \* that the CC church continues to grow and mature. A group of CC people are heading to Nyungalinya Bible College in August.
- \* for more Aboriginal leaders to step up and minister to their own people in AIM centres
- \* that AIM continues to help those who are ministering in the churches.

We ask the Lord to bless you all daily for your faithfulness. We will visit you before we head back to the NT.

Every blessing

Richard and Sue



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