



From Peter, Linda & Nick

As a family we want to wish you God's Blessing as we celebrate Christ's birth and prepare to enter the New Year. Although 2011 had an interesting start with the [Ipswich floods](#), as we reflect back on 2011 we have experienced many blessings throughout the year. We have enjoyed continuing to be a part of Catalyst Church where we have appreciated our contact with Church members and those within our community involvement plus our business network.

January 11: We both went to work as normal on that Tuesday 11th (Peter at [Catalyst Church](#), Linda doing [flower deliveries](#)), but by mid-afternoon we were home. Even though we lost power early Tuesday night, Wednesday morning we went the back way to Walloon to grab some basic stuff plus fuel. As we had gas we had hot water and were able to cook and got weather news via battery radio. Thursday, Peter was at Catalyst Church setting up the support phone number for people to call for assistance while Linda with the van assisted where able by moving boxes. The rest of the week Peter maintained his [IT work and ASD clients remotely](#) from home while Linda did what flower deliveries she could.

April 11: Due to our January holiday plans being put on hold because of the floods, Linda and I hired a car then drove to North Queensland where we spent time with Mike and Dani, plus connected with our team from our [business network](#). On our way back we also connected with family and friends in Townsville and Mackay, before spending the last four days of our holidays with Nick in [Harvey Bay](#).

July 11: After attending a business network leadership conference on the Gold Coast, we returned home to Ipswich to find changes with our volunteer community work with [QDN \(Queenslanders with Disability Network\)](#). We are the Ipswich Regional Facilitators, and the doors opened with [Ipswich City Council](#) and [ICA \(Ipswich Community Aid\)](#). God has blessed us both in being able to use our understanding of disability plus promoting [NDIS Every Australian Counts](#) to others in the Ipswich community.

Aug 11: Our volunteer community work started to gain rapport with Ipswich City Council with support from QDN, NDIS and Carers Qld we organise the [Ipswich Every Australian Counts Disability Tea afternoon](#).

Sept 11: Saw us celebrate our 2nd year together as a married couple, where once again we returned for the weekend to the unit where we spent the first week of our honeymoon. The following week saw us through our community contacts both involved with [Ipswich Disability Action Week](#).

Oct 11: Started with us taking holidays with Nick and driving to Sydney for the first weekend. Here we attended Hillsong Church and connected with some friends of ours, before continuing on to Linda's parents (Peter & Rita) in Beulah Vic where we spent just over a week. On the weekend Linda and I drove to Melbourne where we attended a leadership network Conference. Then we returned to [Beulah to celebrate Nick's 23rd Birthday](#), leaving the next day for Toowoomba to attend the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit 2011 in Toowoomba with our Church group.

Nov 11: After months of working with a number of Governments and other departments who support our son Nick, we were able to become more involved in his day to day activities. This has enabled us both to better support Nick and be with him as he went to hospital for day surgery to have his wisdom teeth out.

Dec 11: With our community involvement with local councillors and members of parliament we both assisted in promoting [International Day of Disability](#), which also raised our involvement in the community. We are both looking forward to what is being planned for 2012. Christmas this year will be a quiet one at home for us and Nick with Peter's parents plus Darren and Lani with their boys including Aunty Gwen.

Until Dec 2012, we would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year. We look forward to the next time we catch up with you.

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