

'Odyssey' north by northwest number 52

March 2020

What a Difference a month makes !!

Only a month ago Corona virus was something that seemed like 5 min on the news feeds, now, how can we get away from it or get any other news?

Tree Tops Lodge was obviously right on the frontline with folk trying to get out of PNG and home to loved ones often in different countries, some of the older folk had been told to leave mission situations where they have been for years, younger families had barely unpacked and then been advised to leave.

Many raced to reach the Australian arrival deadline date of 15th March after which ALL arrivals had to go into Self-Isolation for 14 days, the next stage came at 9pm on 21st March when the borders closed to anyone who was not an Australian citizen or resident, many did not make it and so were forced to make other arrangements. Those who had arrived went into 14 days of Isolation, no outside contact! We are monitoring our Isolation cases for any symptoms of the Convid-19 virus, as well as keeping an eye on all our other folk who are now long stayers - or if they are able to get away 'short stayers with options'. The borders are now closing between the states and stringent fines along with jail time has been mentioned for those who break the rules. BUT - the upside is everyone is realising that we need to communicate more and in some cases get to know each other all over again, the concept of time has changed, it is now something we think about in terms of filling up in new and exciting ways, we are getting in-touch with family and friends through interesting ways (Zoom) and stopping to appreciate God's creation that surrounds us.

We have opportunity to reach out to a world that is in some cases very frightened and unsure of it's self, let's not miss the chance to share our LORD.

Please keep us in prayer as we move forward looking after our people, we keep saying to folk that the situation is very fluid and seems to change hourly, but if we keep our focus and be careful we will be OK!

Keep safe and know that we will come through this, In our Lord's name.

Peter & Avrienne

<http://www.treetopslodgecairns.org.au>

<http://youtu.be/tiFrxGhFae0>

We are now seeking more partners to help us in this amazing venture of God. Tree Tops Lodge is a vital link in reaching out to the nations. We have literally 1000's of missionary families passing through on their way to the field and on their way back home. Sadly we also often have them come and stay with us after an accident or medical emergency. We rely on your love and support to do this work

<https://www.maf.org.nz/blog/post/35309/Peter-Avrienne-Austin>

or <https://wycliffe.org.au/projects/tree-tops-austin/>

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Psalm 119:73

*Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your
commands.*



Prayer Cards

If you would like our prayer card we would love to send you one from New Zealand or Australia. This will give you something to 'pop' up on the fridge so you remember what we look like.

We really do appreciate the prayer and love that we get from you all.

Blessings Peter & Avrienne