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Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great pleasure we take this opportunity to share God's blessing to us, with the safe arrival of our daughter, Jacinta Rona Mackenzie, born 24 February 2008. Many thanks for your prayers, support and generosity of gifts.

So much has happened since our last newsletter, so we will mention a few highlights:

Our first lengthy trip as a family was to Mt Gambier, early April. Carmel attended the Presbyterian Ladies Weekender camp in Nelson, where she gave a Missionary talk. She had a wonderful time of fellowship and was ever so grateful to all the women who helped look after Jacinta.

While Carmel was at Nelson, Cameron spoke at a Men's breakfast at Mt Gambier, a Men's BBQ in Penola and did some deputation work at Penola and Millicent Presbyterian Churches, he too had an encouraging time.

Shortly after returning from Mt Gambier, we headed out on our Maiden Patrol Voyage with Jacinta for a week, which was enjoyable and adventurous. Jacinta was very relaxed and enjoyed the social aspect of our work receiving many cuddles from our contacts. Praise God that she slept, travelled and fed well. God's hand and timing was yet again evident on our patrol. We had 90% of our contacts at home and it is exciting to see our friendships growing with them. Cameron returned home briefly to leave Carmel and Jacinta have some home time prior to completing the patrol. Next month we endeavour to tackle a longer journey up north, so your prayers would be appreciated.

Praise points:

- ❑ In the early stages of our Ministry, one of our contacts was disinterested in hearing about the Gospel, however, Cameron was encouraged by his last visit to have him ask, "So why do you do this job?", which led to a discussion about Christianity.
- ❑ We are continually amazed at the comments of appreciation regarding our work in the Outback, which includes the minority of people who wanted nothing to do with us.
- ❑ Cameron reading and discussing a passage from the Bible with a contact.
- ❑ Explaining the Gospel to some of our contacts.
- ❑ Praying with different families.
- ❑ Giving of gifts to ladies whilst on patrol and observing their thankfulness and appreciation.
- ❑ For the safe arrival of Jacinta Rona Mackenzie and for her positive adjustment to PIM patrol Ministry.
- ❑ For the wonderful opportunities God is presenting to us within this Ministry.

Prayer points:

- ❑ Continued opportunities to present the Gospel.
- ❑ Rain.
- ❑ Wisdom and direction in our patrols with Jacinta.
- ❑ Wisdom in taking conversations toward the Bible and boldness in the Gospel.
- ❑ Using more God talk out on the road with contacts as we do with our Christian friends.
- ❑ The next month is going to be very busy. For all the travelling on holidays and around South Australia for work.
- ❑ Coming up Events in the Outback, we will be attending:  
Yunta Gymkhana 10 May  
Nonning Gymkhana 24 May  
Assembly at Port Augusta from 26-29 May

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.  
Kind regards and God's blessing

Cameron, Carmel & Jacinta Mackenzie