

Mackenzie's Newsletter
written from Jacinta's Perspective
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Mummy and Daddy are excitedly packing and are being busy around the house. I know what that means! It's Patrol Time again!! Today (26/8/08) we are heading off on my fifth patrol ever! I love heading out on the road with Mummy on one side and Daddy on the other! We have some very special friends, but they live so far away, so we have to travel in the Camper to get there! I love visiting and I had a great time on my last patrol! Let me tell you about it. It was probably one of my favourite ever! We went to the Flinders Ranges. We got to have sleepovers at some of my Mummy and Daddy's Contacts' houses. Contacts are so friendly, and I am spoiled with lots of hugs, kisses and smiles. One very nice lady offered to make me a dress. Daddy got to do some work! Lucky him! He got to play some games called Lamb Marking and crutching. They sound like fun! He was so excited because he got to explain the Gospel as well. Mummy and Daddy have some really worthwhile discussions with their contacts and many of them appreciate Daddy praying with them too!

Going out on Patrol is always a big adventure. I am learning to get used to it, but there are a few differences than being at home. For example, on patrol, I have my baths in the kitchen sink and it gets very cold at night too. I kept waking up until Mummy figured out that I just needed another blanket!

Before I went out on my fourth patrol, I got to have something called a "holiday" with Nanna and Poppy at Manilla (my

Mummy's parents). I spent some time with them and played with their farm animals, I even got to hold a little black lamb. I got the shock of my life when a big cow went "MOOooOOooo". It was very loud! I also got to meet a whole bunch of cousins that I had never seen before! They were fun! I can't wait to meet the rest of my cousins! The other bonus was that I got to see my Nan and Pop as they came to see us too).

I am growing very quickly! I can sit up now! I still put everything in my mouth and Mummy and Daddy told me that I have my first tooth. I was wondering what that was! My rosy red cheeks are a favourite amongst the ladies at Church! Mummy is giving me new food these days; it's called "Solids." Mummy and Daddy laugh at how quickly I eat up my breakfast each morning!!

Apart from patrols the other exciting adventure is that Mummy and Daddy are going to the Coober Pedy Anglican Church Camp and running the Children's Program at Cadney Park (North of Coober Pedy). Mummy and Daddy said to tell you it would be good if you could pray for this and other up and coming events:

- ❑ Innamincka Gymkhana and Races 20th – 31st Aug
- ❑ Tibooburra PIM get together 2nd - 4th Sep
- ❑ Barrier Hwy Patrol commence 4th Sep
- ❑ Coober Pedy Patrol (Cameron teaming up with the Bush Church Aid Padre Peter Palmer from Coober Pedy) to commence 28th Sep
- ❑ Church Camp and Children's Program 11th – 12th Oct
- ❑ Give thanks for the Sea Cliff Pres Church Bush Event 2nd Aug

Love from Jacinta (and Mummy & Daddy Mackenzie)