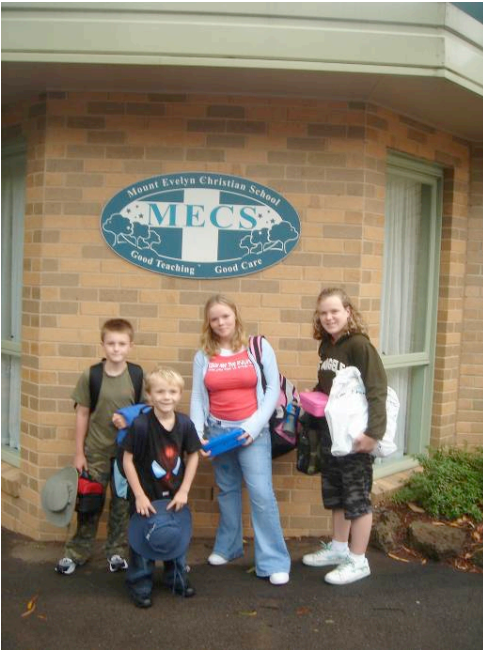


The Woodington Family. A note from down under, June 2006.



We are settling down very well. We have a lovely circle of friends in Mount Evelyn where we live and a very larger group at the Bible College - which the kids think is their second home?

The Kids have settled and love MECS (Mount Evelyn Christian School). It's a very people style school. Parent's evenings are more about the spiritual child than their academic side. The school holds lots of external events, camps, and trips.



Kiri played a very strong lead role as Shere Khan in the school play Jungle Book.



Imogen is having a ball. Imogen loves school and has a great friend which she spends a lot of time with. She always seems to be going on camps and youth club. Both our girls have a very full social life. We belong to two Churches, the Vineyard – our home Church and Careforce our Sunday evening Church – valium for parents is mandatory!



We are all just finishing off the first semester. The School has broken up and so too the Bible College.

Tristan enjoys swimming in the local lake after school where we often have an evening BBQ with friends.



Aaron has lots of friends. His is quite a character these days. Here is in his version of a bubble bath:



Clare is settling into Australian life OK



During the semester, I have been working compassion ministry with drug addicts and alcoholics as part of Jesus' ministry. The whole family gets involved. We serve up to 120 meals on a Wednesday. Clare cooks every 2 months or so. She gets a gang together to do this. When she is not cooking, we all help in the kitchen or get the Church ready. Kiri helps out with the children's ministry for those who come along and then we all eat and talk with those who come.

This is the Vineyard church camp.

The Vineyard has a regular congregation on Sunday of 320. I have been asked to preach at the end of the month. This is a bit of a



blow! I had not expected that. I haven't accepted either. If the Bible College get to know – which is very likely, there will be an extra large congregation that Sunday! I guess I will do it.

We have all really enjoyed and got a lot out of being at the Bible College. Clare is taking a subject next semester too. We study two days at college and three days flight training at Coldstream MAF flight school.

In term of flying progress, since passing my Australian Flight Exam, I have studied for and just passed my IREX (Instrument Rating Theory Exam). Apparently it's the longest and worst CASA exam; 3.5 hrs of a 5 hour session. It was particularly hard. It's for a Commercial Command Instrument Rating, that's to fly in cloud or at night and for arrival and approach procedures using instruments including the ILS (instrument landing system).

This means the next part of my flight training can start; that's 30 hours of instrument flying and two flight exams for the first module. First off is getting my night qualification. Eeeks!



At the Mission Aviation centre I will be moving onto the 206 which is the Cessna 200 range of aircraft with MAF soon. These are the mission aircraft with 7 seats. I am looking forward to it. It's a very famous aircraft and the one here at Coldstream is from the Cambodian mission field. In fact the pilot and his wife, Winston and Ruth Usher who started and served in MAF Cambodia for 12 years, are coming

to lunch on Sunday. They have been friends ever since we arrived at the Bible College. I think they already have plans for us to take over the Cambodian operation from them! They are ready to retire.

Its colder now – a bit like English spring weather - some fog but we are always able to fly.

Here is a shot of the Yarra valley where we live from the MAF Cessna 172. It's a spectacular place.

Its home to the **Moët & Chandon** vineyard - Australian Champagne!

We take visitors for a flight often. Also MAF engineering students who would otherwise not get in the air.

We took our home group flying last month.



A recent achievement is my low level aerobatics license. I fly a Decathlon for fun. This is a fabric aerobatics aircraft which is better flown upside down. My instructor is Australia's 8th time Aerobatics champion and I have the privilege to be only one of four pilots allowed to fly it.



We are just about to take a four week break before the start of the next semester. We are not sure what we are doing, but we will take this opportunity to see some more of Australia.

We will keep in touch.

Lots of love.

God Bless - Paul, Clare and the Family from Down Under.
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2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!