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Dear family and friends,

Greetings to you all again. A special greeting to my brother David (his birthday today) - HAPPY BIRTHDAY! I hope you have had a good day, though I believe you are away in Goulbourn for a few days with the police training.

I am very pleased to report a huge improvement in my health now. I would almost go so far as to say I'm approaching 100%, but since I have fallen sick in the past not long after saying that sort of thing I'll refrain from doing so this time.

I've been back at work after the time away due to illness (about 3 weeks or so) and can't say that I'm particularly impressed with what I've found on my return - yet we must make do with what we find in an imperfect world. By the grace of God a way of coping can be found. Some strange and I believe essentially foolish decisions on how the retirement village is to be run from now on were made while I was away - in short meaning that I have a role to play (which I am expected to achieve), yet the tools to carry out that role are constantly being eroded (something like the people of Israel trying to make straw-mud bricks without the straw).

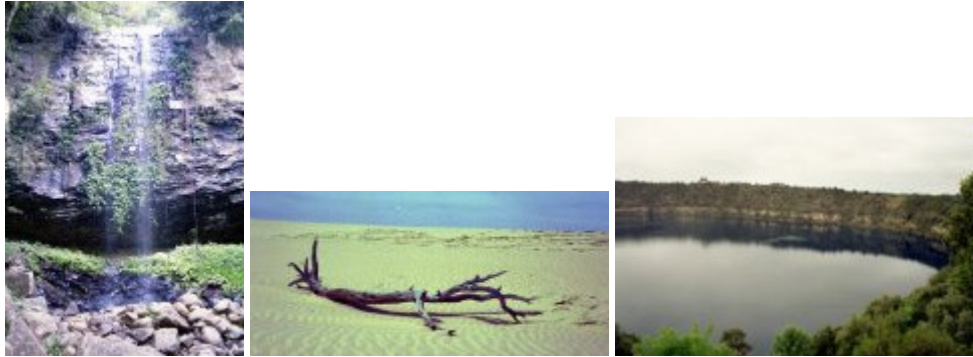
I have continued to investigate my family history by visiting a number of cemeteries, including the large Sandgate Cemetery. I still have plenty to visit around the place, but I'm beginning to gather a fair bit of information. I have begun to put together my first family history book.

There has been an exciting development at The Aussie Reformed Baptist Outpost with the beginning of 'Outpost BookAid.' The idea behind this ministry to provide Bibles and reformed books to needy churches and ministries throughout the wider church. The idea came about through increased contact with brethren around the world who have such needs, especially in India. To learn more about this new ministry at Aussie Outpost visit the Outpost BookAid Mail Group at:

http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/Outpost_BookAid/

Whether your an advocate of the war in Iraq or not, it is pleasing to see the war seemingly coming to an end. I am absolutely thrilled for the people of Iraq that Saddam Hussein and his regime have now gone. Many in the world may not have wanted the war, but these people certainly are pleased and thankful with the results. Lord willing the Christian church will have an easier time of it also. I look forward to seeing the development of the new Iraq.

Well, that's about all for this update. Please let me know what you are up to from time to time. I'll leave you with some more photos of last year's holiday.



ABOVE: Bridal Veil Falls - Dorrigo National Park; Mungo national Park; Blue Lake - Mount Gambier



ABOVE: Two Views of Port Campbell National Park

Regards,

Kevin