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Dear Family and Friends,

Well its only been a month since the last letter so I must be doing OK to get another out now. Hopefully this is the beginning of a good habit. Some people may have got the last letter and some may not have got the last letter - I'm working at updating my mailing list so please let me know if you don't actually want to receive any further letters from me. I have sought to send this letter to those people that I think would possibly be interested in getting it. As I say, if you aren't then please let me know and I won't send you any others.

If you want to get copies of earlier letter you can do so by joining the mail group I have set up for simply this purpose. Of course you'll need Adobe Reader on your computer to download and read the letters as they are saved as PDF files. The address of the mail group is:

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

If you don't have a computer it will be very difficult to get hold of the archived letters, though if you would like any copies you can let me know and I'll try and send them 'snail mail' or by post for those not with the jargon of email. This is true too of those without Adobe Reader, if you have Web TV or the like. I have often intended to send you copies of the letters but have usually forgotten so I do apologise for that.

While still on the boring bit of the letter, I also put out a newsletter about my travels and wilderness news, etc. To get a copy of what I call 'Kevin's Walk on the Wild Side,' simply go to my wilderness journeys web site at:

<http://wilderness.esmartweb.com/Ezine/walkersezine.html>

However, the latest issues of that are also in PDF format, so without a computer or Adobe Reader it will be difficult to access the newsletter. Again, you can request 'snail mail' versions of it if you like.

OK, I think I've rambled about all that for long enough now. I guess I should get to the more interesting subjects.

I'm still incredibly busy at work and expect the next few weeks to be little different. Having said that, I am trying to put in place some changes that will allow me more time away from work and less stress when I am there. This all involves a bit of training for the Maintenance Department staff so that they can do some of the work that I do, as well as addressing some staffing issues, etc. Anyway, I'm hopeful that there will be a difference in about a month's time.

I've also received a bit of a pay rise which should mean I'll be able to actually get away from work completely once and a while again - a little camping here, a little travel there! That I am looking forward to I can tell you.

My current retreat away from work at the moment are the aquariums I have set up as mentioned in the last letter - these help me relax and give me an escape from time to time. The four Platy fry mentioned in the last letter have survived and have been moved into another tank to grow on before being added to one of the larger tanks. The transfer of these four Platys has allowed me to move another crop of Angel Fish fry into the separated tank. The last batch of Angel Fish eggs didn't make it, but this crowd is a lot better with a number of fry already hatched.

There has been some sad news with the death of my brother's very young son. Samuel Lachlan was born to David and Linda about 3 weeks ago and died about a week ago. He was buried at the Gloucester Cemetery on Tuesday, following a funeral service at Gloucester Baptist.

Little Samuel had been very ill and was on life support before David and Linda had the very devastating decision to make - turning off the life support equipment. The picture at right shows Samuel and his mother in the hospital. Little Samuel didn't last too long after that. Please remember David and Linda, along with their 20-month-old son Lachlan, as they go through this very difficult time in their lives.



As I mentioned, David and Linda have another son, young Lachlan. Little Lachlan is a great little chap, full of beans and quite a funny little guy. David sent me an email with the pictures at left attached, labelling him a little model. He certainly seems to have it down pat doesn't he!



more to life than work!

When I saw Lachlan down in Penrith (where David works as a Police Officer) he was very friendly, but this last week he was a little fearful of his uncle - he didn't seem to have any idea who I was. What does this mean? I think it means I need to see more of the family more regularly than I have been able to in the last year or so. I shall have to work on this little problem and ensure I get to see everyone a lot more in the future. There certainly is

Now what bit of trivial information can I pass on to you all this month - about myself that is? What about my enthusiasm for the odd glass of wine. I have a wonderful collection of reds and whites in my wine cooler. I enjoyed a wonderful Wyndham Estate Shiraz this last week. I certainly didn't drink it all in one go, enjoying it with several meals over the space of a few days - there is no place for anything that comes near drunkenness in my life, so I will never have any more than two glasses of wine at one time (usually just the one actually).

Well, that's your lot for the month. And you know what that means ... that's right, there will be plenty more next time. Regards, Kevin.