

# Family News

**Coralie & Jens** set out from Frankfurt on February 1st on their family adventure around mainland Europe, they visited Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland before ending up in Guildford UK. They had their tent destroyed by a storm, battled floods and rain, enjoyed warm sunshine and endured gale force winds. It was a great adventure for them all. Once in UK the challenge was to rent a home, get the children into school and find work.

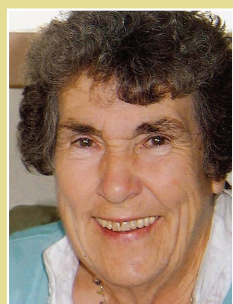
They quickly found a house that seemed to be tailor-made for them and **Julian (16)** was given a sixth form college place without trouble. **Finola (15)** and **Eliana (12)** had their names on a waiting list, but were given little hope of a place. The day before term started the school secretary rang, "I cannot believe that I am making this call, but I have just received a call from a parent to say her children are not returning, I have a place for both Finola and Eliana." **Jowan (9)** and **Judson (6)** have found places in a school that had been failing, but has now been turned around by a new head teacher, and quite amazingly Coralie has been given a job in the same school. It is a real challenge for the children to be taught in their second language, but they are doing fine. **Jaden (4)** is in Pre School on the days Coralie teaches. Jens is closely involved in the work of 24-7prayer, but is still looking for full time paid work, there look to be some good possibilities, but nothing is yet settled.



**Ben & Anne** were glad to get back to the warmth of Australia,

after their two months home assignment over the Christmas period. Ben's work as an engineer with Mission Aviation Fellowship is going well. The mission have just been able to purchase 5 Cessna Caravans at a very good price from a failed commercial airline. The aircraft are back in Mareeba and will be "next year's work" as Ben describes it. Anne's parents visited in July to celebrate Jackie's 70th birthday. Anne keeps all the balls in the air, refurbishing their home, taking the children to swimming, music and a multitude of activities. **Alice (12)** is playing the flute to a very high standard and is the Music Captain at her school. **Jack (10)** is doing well at school, but is an outdoor boy, he recently acquired 30 metres of rope. "That will keep him

going for weeks," was Anne's response. **Olivia (9)** has recently had a birthday and went to a new water park in Cairns to celebrate. **Estella (6)** and **Edith (3)** are a lively pair and can hold their own with any of their older siblings. We will be visiting in mid January, and be there during the last two weeks of the children's holiday, just as their parents energy is running out!



We also have some sad news. Joyce's oldest sister **Barbara** died in August after a battle with cancer. Two years ago she had surgery and it seemed as if the disease had been treated successfully, but in early June this year secondaries were diagnosed. Her daughter Hilary, with her husband Roger's full support, immediately took compassionate leave from her Dentistry work to be a full time carer. Joyce's other sister Audrey, with her husband Bill came over from Australia in July. Jo and Iain who live nearby added their support. However, only two months after the diagnosis Barbara passed away. It was good that so many of the family were able to gather together for the Memorial Service. It is sad, but Barbara had a strong personal faith which is an encouragement to us all.



## From the Diary - key dates in the coming months

**Sunday 10th November** - Joyce preaching at Wrington Chapel URC.

**Sunday 1st December** - Preaching at Abundant Life Center, Newport and Gosen Christian Center, Treorchy

**Sunday 8th December** - Kindgon Faith SW. Taunton Somerset.

**Sunday 15th December** - Christmas Celebration at Living Waters Church, Clevedon

**Tuesday 7th January** - Trustees Meeting of The 222 Trust, Hest Bank, Lancaster

**Monday 13th January to Thursday 13th February** - visiting Ben, Anne and family in Mareeba and Audrey & Bill in Brisbane.

**Thursday 13th February to Saturday 1st March** - visiting Living Waters Church, Iloilo City, Philippines with a team from Living Waters to refurbish the church building and support Victor & Sally Fernandez also visiting the church in Manila led by their son Victor Jnr. and Rosilee.

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