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The Lunnon's Newsletter

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Hi all, sorry it's been awhile since our last news, but I've been a bit slack – no excuses!! The start of 2011 has flown by – I just don't know where the time has gone, maybe as I share I might get the revelation!!

The start of 2011 has been hard, but in it we've seen the goodness of God, His faithfulness and breakthrough. Yes it's true – God does work ALL things together for our good. Not all things are good, but He works them for good. We've struggled financially, living week to week; Tim's Dad, and 2 brothers have all had their health scares, (Dad with a cancer battle, Mark with a blood clot, and Simon with a broken bone in his neck); the lack of direction that we have had; and some tough moments at River City Life (nothing bad, just tough). It can all together with other bits and pieces add up over time. BUT, God spoke to us about prospering and blossoming where we are in the midst of all this, and wow – this has taken place. We've seen breakthrough into a new place in God, and our hearts are so much more hungering after Him as we are rested, refreshed and joyous in His Presence despite all the stuff. We feel that this has been key as we await the doors opening up into the nation and to what He has called us to...



On the family front – Rosalie has had her 4th birthday, complete with her first real bike!! As usual, Bonny used her great creativity for a special cake. Rosalie has also started Pre-Kinder ready for school next year – yes scholl!! Nic is enjoying as much as possible Grade 9. He loves his music, especially playing his new bass guitar, and is trying his hand at automotive studies this year to see if that leads to anything. He has also made the U'16 Div 1 soccer team as an U'15 and this on top of a hatrick for his cricket team that went through undefeated. He also got the bowling award. Josh is now in his last year of Primary School – grade 6 as he prepares for high school. He also had fun playing cricket and is doing well in his U'12 Div 1 soccer team. He loves his lego still and playing drums – even playing a couple of times in church!! Dad was proud as he worshipped with his 2 boys playing also. Not too mention, we had our usual V8 Supercars outing with the Page's, it was a great day. Bonny has been busy making craft items, such as aprons and cards and trying to sell them. She had a stand at the local school fair. Whilst



Tim, apart from ministry, has continued to coach cricket and soccer.

On the ministry front, we had a leadership couple Matt & Sarah visit us from the USA. They came for some 'out' time (ministry time), and in spite of sickness I feel that it was a great time for them. Ever since, Rosalie keeps saying when can we go and visit them in the USA!! We just



keep saying, pray the money in!! We have spent some time getting ready for River City Life's yearly conference called FOCUS. After prayer, we felt it time to truly make it a Kingdom gathering and Tim has spent time relating with other pastors and leaders in Launceston as we are seeing a renewed uptake on Kingdom relationships. This is our heart, so it's great to see this happening. Please pray for this gathering from Fri 29th April – Sun 1st May. You are also welcome to come if you live close by. Many churches are becoming involved, so it's exciting to see this happening, and we see this as just the fresh start of something here. River City Life itself is still on a journey. It hasn't grown numerically, but people within are growing in God, so that's good. We as a church have sent so many people out over the past 12 months in ministry. For a church of 50+ we've sent / released over 12 people to go and live and minister in other parts of the nation, so that's pretty good percentages. It'd be encouraging to see some new ones come in though; otherwise soon we'll all be off somewhere at this rate!! We'll it is a resourcing church. Tim hasn't been travelling this year like he did last year, but we do minister in other local churches from time to time. We feel in this, that we have been in a season of preparation ready to receive what is to come, which is why there has been stuff to press through. We feel in our spirits change is coming, so we'll see what Father does.

So lastly, direction – what are the Lunnon's up to? We still have an overwhelming sense of a geographical move coming, and this to a place that we can call home for a long time (yay) – but we know that this is about the journey and not just the destination. We continue to learn so much and be prepared, and it's true – nothing is wasted in God. Great change in our thinking and mindsets have taken place and God has been at work, alot!! We are excited about what is coming, yet we do not want to take our eyes off God and what is before us now – thus the blossoming in the now in spite of... we know that we have a few loose ends that still need tying up both in River City Life and Launceston. So in short, we'll see what happens as this year progresses in God and we'll let you know when we know.

We would value your prayers in this time and for God's provision for us. We certainly need breakthrough in this area. We always love to hear from you, so please stay in touch, and we look forward to catching up with you soon. Keep checking out our website as we aim to do more work on it and keep posting our latest news.

We are blessed by your friendship and pray God's richest blessings on you and your family.

Much love...

In Christ's service, for His glory and His Kingdom,

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