

Lawrence Family News

Sandra and I would like to wish you all a great Christmas season and a happy new year. Christmas is a great season because Jesus brings life in all its fullness. We share in giving; considering others besides ourselves; being with family and friends; gathering together for worship; having a break from work and enjoying the fruits of our labours. I love the song that says; Celebrate Jesus celebrate, this is what I love about Christmas each year; the joy that Jesus brings to life.

Sandra continues to enjoy her teaching at Liverpool Tafe and helping students learn the basic skills for life and work. She has enjoyed running 2 jewellery classes in our church, a great link in to our community.

We celebrate 30 years of marriage on 16th December and I find myself loving and appreciating Sandra more every year. She has given me great love and affection.

Alison (28) has taken a year leave from work and is travelling throughout Asia and Europe for 12 months with her boy friend Kent. Whether she continues in Sport and Recreation after she returns next May I am unsure.

Richard (26) has moved out of home recently with Justin (23). Richard still works in the fundraising industry while Justin works in the earthmoving industry driving backhoes and excavators.

Jonathon (23) has set up his own building business and is just completing his builders licence.

We also have enjoyed having Sayuri with us from Japan for 12 months. Sayuri is the daughter of Michi Kawata a Pastor from Japan. Sayuri is 19 and has spent 3 1/2 months learning English and is now working in a Japanese Restaurant in the city. She is really enjoying Australia and it is a delight to have her with us.

Our big news is that I am taking long service leave from 15th December for 10 weeks and 3 weeks holidays to build our retirement home at Smiths Lake near Forster/Tuncurry. Jonathon is helping me during this time, so hopefully our relationship will prosper as we spent time together.

We are enjoying our ministry in Punchbowl and working hard at trying to reach out to families in our area. We have seen some growth in our church and in our community involvement.

The links ministry continues (21 years now) and I still believe this is where I can be most effective for God in my life. The joy comes from being available to those in the golf industry and helping with friendship, counselling, sharing Jesus and mateship.

We value your friendship and support. We wish you a joyful Christmas and a happy new year.

Grace and peace.

Graham and Sandra.