

TRAMPING

This week Pip, John and I spent 4 days tramping on the Heaphy track. The weather was gloriously fine (not so good for our water tanks but great for tramping).

The track between McKay and Heaphy Huts has several swing bridges. John viewed the first one from our lunch stop at the Lewis hut. It spanned from one river bank to the other, about 100m. It crossed where the river was particularly deep. He was excited about the big bridge he was going to cross.

This excitement waned as we edged out onto the swing bridge he became a little nervous. As we got further out the wind caught us and the bridge began to sway backwards and forwards, John was none too pleased.

John's experience with the swing bridge reminds me how excited we often are when God gives us a vision of something. It never ceases to amaze me how God chooses seemingly unimportant people, like you and I, for important tasks. After all he chose common fisherman to spread the Good News.

Commonly, just like John, we find it unsettling and sometimes frightening as we move forward in the direction of God's calling. Frightening and unsettling because we don't know what to expect. Knowing we are not in total control. As we trust and obey the Lord who is calling us, we are being used as instruments that are bringing the Kingdom of God more and more into reality. In this way others will know the love and freedom that we have received already.

John's reaction in the middle of the bridge was to hug dad tightly, that reaction reminds us that whatever we experience, we are called to hold on tightly to our Father in Heaven.

Joshua 1:9 encourages us "Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you where ever you may go.