

Well Jord, you made a good choice. Magnificent, in fact! And Kaylee, you are raising our family's "joy and blessing" quotient considerably today, & we are grateful to you for that!

Jord, being the youngest of 5 siblings isn't easy but you did it. You watched your older brothers and sister make decisions and plot their courses but never felt you needed to follow them or to compete with them.

Chris raised pigs, Ben raised cows, Melanie had a horse, Matt raised veal calves and exotic chickens and you decided you wanted something other than farm life.

You are an independent thinker, not easily led by the crowd. That has often stood you in good stead. The world will not easily pour you into its mold.

You hold high standards, even if you can't consistently reach them, as none of us can, simply because you know they are right.

I'm proud of you for that.

And Christ strengthens you as you make progress.

And now you've bumped Ryan and Mel from the loft, a month early so you could make it your own, and we're delighted to welcome you back to farm to establish yourselves as a young married couple.

Kaylee, I remember the first time you came to a Sunday evening pizza night with Jord, sort of, not a word from you all night. But you kept coming back. Good courage as the youngest one, in what must have been at the time, a formidable group.

You come from a committed Christian family with a strong heritage in the Lord which has molded you in wonderful ways.

We've grown to love you, waiting with you for the big day – and waiting – and grateful for the call in the middle of the night in another time

zone, learning of the proposal and your engagement.

And now the day is here and the adventure begins, with God at your side and in your hearts and going before you. Follow closely.

There will be challenges, even storms, as you will have observed and as your friends will have told you. But even in the stiffest headwind, remember you are safer and more secure on the water with Jesus than in the boat without Him.

We're looking forward to being close enough again to "do life" together, especially as this new chapter begins.

We're excited about the future.

The Lord has good plans for you.

God bless you.

We love you.