

We wanted to do this trip to the public schools in this area before the end of first term. God gave us this strategy last year and we felt it might not be good from the second term as school routines are returning to a new normal, but our strategy was to encourage the teachers who are still working on the spiritual, social and emotional difficulties caused by COVID-19 rules and regulations. However our booklets and prayers were well received at all but two schools – 30 out of 32.

On our first day we called at Douglas Park, Wilton, Bargo, Yanderra, Mittagong, Bowral, Glenquarry, Kangaloon, Robertson, Moss Vale, Exeter, Bundanoon, 817 Penrose, Wingello and Tallong schools. Some of these are large and some very small but all appreciated why we were there. We arrived at Penrose School and found the school locked but we met F, the Principal of this school at Wingello School, where they were visiting for the day. This is an example of how God blesses our intentions to spread His love and favour. It was also special to meet B, the Principal at Kangaloon School who spent some time with us, expressing interest in what we are doing, and C, the Principal at Wingello School. We stayed the night at Berrima where D and N, the owners, loved our prayer for them.

Next morning we visited Berrima, Colo Vale, Hilltop, Buxton, Thirlmere, Tahmoor, Picton, Oakdale, The Oaks and Mount Hunter schools. At each of these schools the booklets were welcomed along with prayers for the community, and the school and teachers in particular. We did not stop for lunch because we wanted to finish visiting another seven before the school day finished. We were now in outer Sydney where we thought the schools would be well-resourced and would therefore not be interested in our booklets and our strategy. But we were pleasantly surprised at Cawdor, Camden, Cobbitty, Spring Farm and Mount Annan schools where the receptionists were gracious and received what we offered, most willing to present our gift to the Principals. But Camden South and Mawarra would not accept the booklets because of the written embargo of the NSW Education Department – no 'religious' literature. They were pleasant in their refusal and allowed us to pray briefly for them.

This was only a two day trip but we were able to deliver 30 sets of the booklets and pray with many people, but we were intent on moving from school to school so we did not take any photos this time. It is just a way of spreading God's love to as many people as we can 'while it is still day'. Thank you Lord.