

QUIRINDI, BARRABA, WARIALDA, URALLA 3-7 February 2020

We are always seeking to find the strategy that God has in His mind for our trips. We were very conscious that He felt the pain that so many Australians have suffered with the drought and, recently, the bushfires, so we were confident that we would see answered prayer for rain.

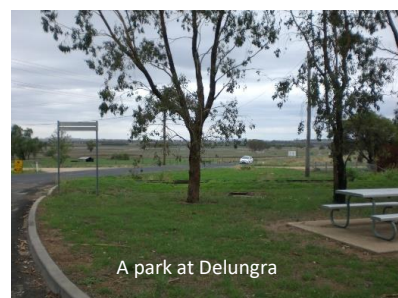
We set out in light rain but God was so good to us and when we needed to talk to people He held it off every time except in Ashford. On our first day we arrived in Willow Tree and met 5 people in the street who accepted a prayer of agreement with us for drought-breaking rain and a personal prayer. At Blackville we met 3 more people, 2 of whom also took a copy of the drought prayer to join our 'petition'. At Spring Ridge E thought our strategy such a good idea that she took a copy for a friend and we prayed for her and also G. We stayed that night in Quirindi.

Next morning we put up our book table where we gave 2 of our children's books and prayed for 12 people. W said she is JW but was pleased to see the witness. H and T run the Uniting church bookshop and told us they do not get any customers so the church will have to close the shop. We tried to strengthen and encourage their faith and their creativity so that it could continue to be a witness as neither knew the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, but only 'religion'. T was open to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit for His power. We went on to Werris Creek and put up our table again. We only prayed with 5 people but M, who is in a Pentecostal sect, wanted a copy of all 10 adult books we had on display, all 12 children's books, plus a copy of our prayers for drought, drug deliverance and the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Although we were uncomfortable about investing so much in one person (about \$70 worth) we just trust that God will move mightily in Werris Creek because of our sowing. We went on to Currabubula where we prayed for 2 and then to Tamworth. Here we put up our book table and prayed with 11, including L from Surefire Ministries, who took 12 children's books. One of those for whom we prayed, E, who is Catholic, prayed for us. This does not happen much so it is a great blessing when people do. From there we drove to Oxley Vale and prayed for 2. Attunga was our next place where we prayed for 4 and then to Somerton where we prayed for 3 including a teacher who is a Christian and we gave 12 children's books away. Halls Creek is a community so we door-knocked and prayed with D, then went on to Barraba for the night.



At Attunga the paddocks are just beginning to recover.

W is a Christian and has just bought the motel but it is in poor repair. We prayed for her next morning and gave her girls 5 of the children's books. We put up our book table and prayed for 15 people including D who runs the Salvation Army shop. She was very interested in our ministry and shared the Holy Spirit prayer with us and took 2 books, 'Trapped? Go Free!' and 'Living in the Kingdom'. We spent quite a long time with her because she is so hungry for God and with a longing to serve Him in His power. We drove to Cobbadah and met and prayed with J who is a Christian. She loved to receive our drought prayer and asked for a couple to share with friends. Upper Horton was next on our agenda and we prayed for 3, including J who said he is a Buddhist but has a Catholic wife. We then drove to Bingara and prayed for 6. We had lunch in Delungra in quite heavy rain, which just stopped so that we could pray for 3 locals. The drive to Graman was rocky and rain was falling but we arrived safely to pray for A and L at the hotel. They told us a lot about the farmers' problems, pointing to a truck of hay arriving, carrying \$28,000 worth of hay to feed the animals. They now owed the bank 5 million dollars, trying to keep their animals alive. The pub could not be insured because it is in a fire risk zone. As we drove off on a longer route but all bitumen we were so thankful for the heavy rain through which we were driving. We arrived in Warialda for the night at the caravan park which was so comfortable and clean.



A park at Delungra

Next morning we set up our book table and prayed for 9 then on to Ashford in the rain. We prayed with 3, standing in the rain with T, because of the joy of seeing the rain at last. At Inverell we prayed for 9, 2 of whom took the drought prayer. At Gilgai we door-knocked and prayed for W and at Tingha we prayed for 5 who were aboriginal young people. We then drove to Bundarra and prayed for 3 who were interested in the drought prayer and also willing to take the blessing in the Holy Spirit prayer. Then we drove to Uralla for the night and prayed for G, the owner of the motel.



Those welcome storm clouds on the way to Graman

Our last scheduled ministry was our table in Uralla next morning, so we were very happy to pray for 11. Nearly all our prayers had been agreement for continuing rain into the autumn, for the farmers to have confidence to plant their crops, for the grass to grow so they could end the hand-feeding and for the creeks and rivers to run again and the dams to be filled. We had taken water from Sydney because in some towns they have no drinkable water as the dams are too low. However praying with people had given us the opportunity to pray into their personal lives too. In 5 days and more than 1600 km we had prayed for more than 120 people and 27 of these had agreed to take on the drought prayer and 20 had received the Holy Spirit. We had distributed 43 children's books and 13 adult's books, so we felt so thankful to God for His favour and faithfulness.