



Argenton School



Cardiff North School



Cardiff School



Charlestown South School

We looked forward to finishing our visits to schools in Newcastle as we had surprising success on our visit there two weeks ago. But we had prepared the booklets as usual, hoping to bless the regular teachers in these public schools who are under pressure from children who are having mental health difficulties, and from bureaucrats in the NSW Department of Education, who do not seem to understand what is happening to school children in these days.

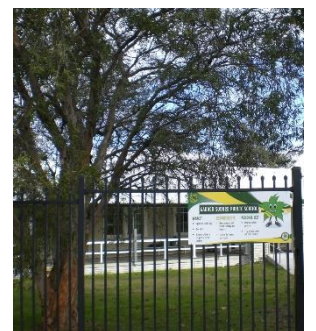
On our first day we drove to Edgeworth Heights, Edgeworth, Argenton, Glendale East, Elemore Vale, Wallsend South, Cardiff North, Cardiff, Cardiff South, Hillsborough, Charlestown South, Charlestown East, Kahibah, Belair (in Adamstown Heights) and Charlestown schools. At all these schools we were received graciously, both for the booklets and for our prayer for the school staff and children as well as for the teachers. At Cardiff North we spoke with the relieving Principal and were greatly encouraged by her comments. At the other schools we spoke to receptionists, most of whom thanked us for coming; some were very enthusiastic about our "idea". We stayed in Charlestown that night and prayed for A, the owner who is a Sikh. T was sitting outside his unit so we prayed for him too as he is a Christian.

Having had such a good day we set out the next morning very expectant to be a blessing again. We drove first to Merewether Heights School where we spoke to D. She tried her best to be positive but felt the books would be wasted at this school. Eventually we persuaded her to show them to the Principal, and if he will not receive them, to give them away outside the school, as we had come to bring God's blessing and receiving the booklets was part of this, by faith. She did accept our prayer though. Then we drove to The Junction School. The GPS took us to the local Catholic School but a lovely lady outside directed us to the public school about 500 metres down the road. There we met serious opposition from the receptionist who was aggressive in her attitude to our request, almost rude; NO booklets allowed and certainly NO prayer. As we had come to leave God's blessing in this community we were reluctant to shake the dust off our feet so we approached six people around the vicinity of the school but none would pray or receive the blessing in any way. One of these was sitting on the footpath whinging about wanting food but he would not pray, so we did not bother going (the 500 metres) to the car to get some money to buy him something. We drove to Newcastle East School where K was so gracious in accepting the booklets and prayer so we were encouraged after the ugly aggression we had encountered. From there we drove to Hamilton South,



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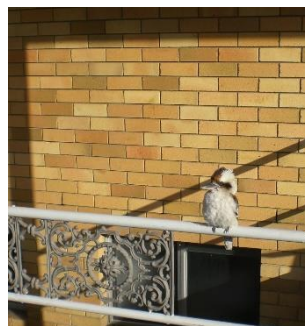
Merewether, Hamilton and Adamstown Schools where everyone we spoke to was gracious and thankful that we had come, accepting prayer and booklets at each place. Then we drove to New Lambton South School where B and S greeted us warmly and with great interest, receiving the booklets and prayer. After that we drove to New Lambton, New Lambton Heights Infants, Kotara South and Garden Suburb Schools, so we finished the day (rather earlier than usual) on a high note. The whole concept of giving these booklets and expecting God to do something mighty for those who receive is perhaps unusual but these are desperate days and we thank God that He has given us this strategy to visit every Public School in NSW to offer His blessing to people who perhaps do not have the same level of faith as we do.



Garden Suburb School



Charlestown School



Kookaburra at the Motel



Merewether School