

## COFFS HARBOUR to CASINO to MURWILLUMBAH 17th – 23rd August 2020

On this trip we had decided to focus on as many primary schools as we could, north of Grafton, to offer as a gift the set of 12 of our children's booklets. Our State government had encouraged those who could to travel within the State to be a blessing to the struggling tourist industry, and our Lord has commissioned us to bless those outside of the church, so we prepared our trip and made the bookings. However because of the prevailing virus and the restrictions everything was made more difficult. As we had previously taught Scripture in the primary schools we trusted that God would open the doors so that we could complete what we had set out to do, according to 2 Thessalonians 1:11.



On our first day we drove as far as Coffs Harbour and next morning we set up our book table where D not only prayed to receive the Holy Spirit but took a copy of "Lift up a Banner". We prayed for 9 others and gave copies of Psalm 91 to 3 people. This was a very encouraging start!

Next day we set up our table in Grafton and were blessed to have another person, I, open her heart to the Holy Spirit, pray for 13 people and give 7 copies of Psalm 91, as there is much fear and people were so open to God's promises in this matter. We then drove to Copmanhurst then Baryulgil and Rappville Public Schools, offering the 12 book sets which were graciously received, along with a copy of Psalm 91 and a personal prayer for each school representative who also agreed with us that no COVID would come near that place. Our lunch was late because we wanted to get in the visits before school finished at 3.30pm, but we arrived at our accommodation in Casino quite early. However we did not put up our book table there until next morning.



We had some interest at the table, praying for 16 people including a lovely Aboriginal family who are believers. The children liked our little books we offered them. P took a copy of "Fruit of the Spirit", S took a children's booklet and 6 people took a copy of the Psalm, so we were really blessed there. We drove then to Ellangowan but that school has closed. H is the new owner so we prayed for him. At Leeville School we had to phone from the gate but D graciously came to meet us and accepted the booklets and Psalm 91. We then drove to Mummulgum and phoned from the gate again. Eventually K came to the gate and accepted the booklets. At Mallanganee there is no school but T, then J and S permitted us to pray for them. We drove to Tabulam School where B was appreciative of our gift and a copy of Psalm 91 and a prayer. It is such a good opportunity to offer to pray for God's blessings and to ask these good people to agree with us for God's protection for their village or town. From there we went to Bonalbo School and then to Old Bonalbo School with the same results. The office secretaries or teachers we spoke to were so kind and appreciative of our intentions. At Urbenville School the principal introduced us to the Librarian/Scripture teacher, C. We talked together for ages, each appreciating the fellowship and encouragement. She took the booklets and Psalm 91 and a young lad, J, came in. He has Christian parents but had not yet asked the Holy Spirit into his heart to empower him so we had a prayer with him. C had not realised how easy it is to ask such lovely children to make a commitment to Jesus. We met J and S in the park so we prayed for them too. Talking so long had left us short on time but we still drove to Legume and prayed for B, P and J. They are truckies in from Queensland, and appreciated our prayer. It was dark by the time we arrived in Woodenbong for the night.



Next day we went to Woodenbong School, so along with the children's booklets we offered the teen tracts which were accepted graciously. We were chased out of Grevillia by a horrible man who threatened to shoot us, but we did pray for T and J. At Rukenvale, The Risk and Wiangaree Schools the booklets and prayer were accepted, and we set up our table in Kyogle. This was very encouraging as R chose "Faith of God" and J chose "Fruit of the Spirit", and each gave us a small thank offering. We also prayed for 11 people including a Thai-speaking lady who received our prayer in Thai. Seven people took the Psalm 91 leaflet. We went to Stratheden and Doubtful Creek schools, where each accepted the 12 book set. We had late lunch and went to Casino for the night, where H prayed and received Psalm 91.



Friday was a full-on school visit day. Manifold, Blakebrook, Jiggi, Modanville, Dunoon, The Channon, Tuntable Creek, Goolmangar, Coffee Camp, Nimbin, Tuntable Falls, Uki, Tyalgum, and Chillingham schools. We were able to pray with someone at each school, but Tuntable Creek, Coffee Camp and Uki refused the books. The principal at Tuntable Creek was a big disappointment because she is a Baptist and was more interested in checking our credentials. Lunch was very late and we arrived in Murwillumbah for the night. We had a table next morning and prayed for 8 people. Our last Divine appointment was at the fuel stop where T was happy to receive a prayer, a copy of the Psalm and 2 little books for her grandchildren. Our two day drive home was quite uneventful. Thank you Lord for Your faithfulness!

