



Barnsley School

We always learn new things as we travel to these schools. Our desire is to encourage and even equip the class teachers to answer any questions which the children have with regard to their social, emotional and spiritual lives. The long years of COVID-19 restrictions have changed the school curriculum because of the mental health issues that arose. We discovered that many schools in the Newcastle area now have health dogs to comfort distressed children. Since we believe that Jesus is the answer to mental health we have been encouraged to continue offering our booklets for the Principals to use, by faith that even acceptance of the booklets will bring insights to the teachers that decide to use them.

So we set out on a two day trip. On our first day we travelled to Mount Pleasant and Singleton



Hamilton North School

Heights schools where our prayer and booklets were graciously received. From there we drove back to Newcastle, calling at Minmi, Glendore, Maryland, Plattsburg School in Wallsend, Jesmond, Heaton and Shortland Schools. Most were very appreciative, especially receptionists who are believers, although we did receive some luke-warm but still courteous reception. It is interesting that as we pray for the community in that place that some who were not so 'enthusiastic' warm to us and even thank us for the 'beautiful' prayer. We had got through our schedule faster than we had allowed for so we continued to Mayfield West School before going to our motel.



Chertsey School

On day two we began as early as possible so that we could visit 16 schools before schools close. We drove to Mayfield East, Tighes Hill, Carrington, Islington, Hamilton North, Waratah, Waratah West and Lambton Schools. Then we drove to West Wallsend and Barnsley Schools. Because our last 5 schools are on the Central Coast and Booragul School is on Lake Macquarie, we drove out of the Newcastle area in a rather circuitous route because the GPS likes to direct to highways, so we had hoped to travel via the Lake Macquarie route but found ourselves on the highway in the traffic. However we did visit all the schools we had hoped, the Central

Coast schools being Valley View in Wyoming, Chertsey in Springfield, Wamberal School, Copacabana School, and Umina Beach School. Nearly all these schools were gracious about receiving prayer and the booklets, although at the early ones and at the last one the receptionists were distracted because they were busy. But all 27 schools received the booklets and prayer, so we trust strongly that God will honour our faith and these schools will be blessed.



Waratah School

At Minmi School we met with the Principal who was the one who told us about the health dogs and also the mental health problems that have arisen since all the lockdowns. We also noticed that all phones are to be handed in before school to help the children concentrate better in their classes, as the developed addiction to social media is a big problem for the teachers, who want to impart the knowledge which is set down in the curriculum. At Heaton School we met Z, a Muslim migrant from Burundi and we had a little chat as she told us about her journey to Australia. She is working in a migrant



Minmi School

help place to give back what she has received, and she loved our prayer.

We just thank our beautiful Jesus for being with us and opening the doors so we could complete what He had put on our hearts to do.



Mount Pleasant School



Heaton School