



Carrathool School

We looked forward to visiting so many outback NSW schools, just because they are remote, yet so deserving of God's best blessings. We had friends praying for our trip and even giving us gifts, so we took our booklets to offer in the hope that the Principals and teachers would be encouraged in their emotional and spiritual education of the children in their care.

On our first day we drove to Narrandera, where T, who was the previous owner had just sold the motel but we prayed for him and also K at the fuel stop. We gave some of our Scripture leaflets too. But "work" began next morning, beginning with Darlington Point School where we were most courteously received. Our next, Carrathool School,

had been closed for 3 months, but A accepted our prayer for the community. We drove to Hay School and P, the Principal, was appreciative. We completed our day with Euston, Gol Gol and Buronga schools. All those we spoke to were gracious and appreciative of the booklets. We met and prayed for J and T at Buronga Hotel. They are Christians and were very interested in our Scripture material, booklets and leaflets, so we were able to give them some.

Next day we went to Dareton, Palinyewah, Pooncarie, Wentworth and Pomona schools. At each we, our prayers and the booklets were graciously received. We had opportunity to pray with others besides the school staff and M, at Wentworth, received a copy of our book, "Revival", with some of our leaflets to use in her outreach work. That night we stayed in Wentworth and set out next morning for Broken Hill.



Morgan Street School

There are 6 schools in Broken Hill and also "School of the Air", broadcast to children so far out of town. At all 7 schools we, our prayers and the booklets were graciously received. Then we drove out to Menindee where we were also able to pray and give our booklets.

The people we met at each place were typical of people of country NSW, not necessarily Christian, but good and accepting people. But next day when we drove the more than 300km to Tibooburra School we were shocked by the attitude of the principal, A, who refused the booklets, any prayer, declaring that there would be "NO RELIGION and no Scripture teachers in this school", and escorted us off the premises. But V, in the shop, took the booklets to give to children who might be interested. We drove back to Packsaddle Roadhouse for the night, an interesting place to stop.



Burke Ward School

Next day we had a long drive to Wilcannia as we chose not to use the "short-cut" route, with extremely rough dirt with some gravel and a lot of stones and corrugations. But using the highways adds 200km to the journey. But the weather was good and so we enjoyed the journey and were most graciously received at Wilcannia School. We drove the next 100km to White Cliffs and received an even greater shock than at Tibooburra. The principal, L, was even more vehement that there would be no religion in the school. We tried some door-knocking and received similar refusal – NO RELIGION in this town, with such vehemence – God is not wanted here! We spoke to a lovely lady whose husband is caught up in the opal-mining fanaticism, but only during his holidays. She accepted a prayer and told us she does not really associate with most people in town because they

are fixated on finding their fortune. We had booked into the motel but decided we could not stay there so we cancelled our booking and began the very long drive (more than 300km) to Cobar, where the friendly face of M at the motel was such a relief.

We had visited all the schools on our schedule so next morning we did some street ministry, just asking people if we might say a prayer of blessing with them. Not one of the 9 refused – what a blessing and what a town! We like to offer a little leaflet when we pray, but S, who came from Zimbabwe, received a set of the booklets and each of the leaflets to use in her town. We stopped next in Nyngan and prayed with 7 more people. At Trangie there were not many people around, being Saturday afternoon, but we had a lovely prayer and conversation with C and 3 others, driving on to Narromine for the night.

We visited the Narromine Uniting church on Sunday morning. There we met L, whose grandchildren attend Louth School, a remote school we had not been able to reach because this town is reached only by a dirt road, way out of either Bourke or Cobar. We had been in the vicinity when the road was impassable but L offered to take our booklets when she visited her family so we gave her the sets. God is so good!

We finished our journey, having given out 23 sets of the Children's Booklets and 23 sets of Teen Tracts, and about 40 Scripture portions, on the reverse of which is a prayer to ask Jesus into our life. We prayed for 72 people, and had visited 32 places with the intention of taking the Presence of Jesus there. We had also driven more than 3700km. The intention of our hearts was to take God's blessing to many people who would receive and we trust that God Himself will fill up any lack, because we can only do what we can. We give all praise and glory to Him.



Palinyewah School



Pomona School



Salt Lake on the horizon



Highway after rain



Fletchers Lake





Fowlers Gap



Tibbooburra School



Typical scenery on the Silver City Highway



Wilcannia School



The creek after the rain has dried up



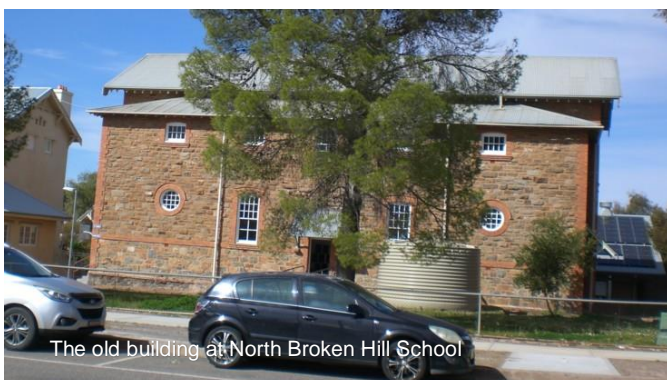
The airstrip on the highway



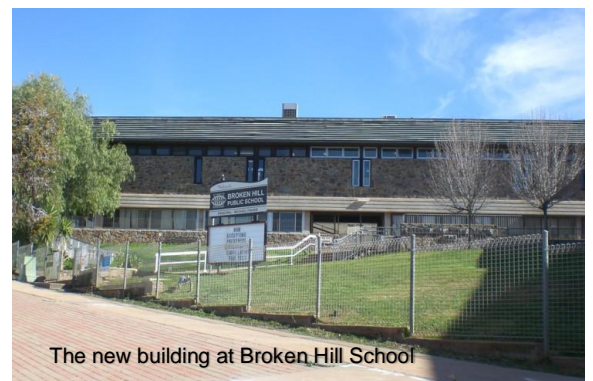
Packsaddle accommodation



One of many creeks that run to the highway



The old building at North Broken Hill School



The new building at Broken Hill School