



Avoca Beach

We planned this trip to oblige a friend from church who was eager to participate in our ministry to the public schools, so we called for her at her home and set out. Unfortunately, although we had sent her the schedule she did not admit to us that her health would not be up to the demands. She tried valiantly up to lunch time and then was too sick to do any more. This was devastating to us as we had 44 schools over three days and we had only done eight. At the end of the day she went to her room and stayed there until next morning when we had to return to Parramatta to bring her home and then drive back to complete what we had prepared. It was a real test as we were disturbed to realise that this lady has a spirit of infirmity. We had also paid in advance for the accommodation so this was another blow as there was no refund.

But God is good. We had covered Kariong, two Woy Woy schools, Ettalong, Empire Bay, Pretty Beach, Kincumber and the school at Saratoga before lunch and were able to finish the afternoon with Avoca, Terrigal, Bateau Bay and Erina Heights schools. All of these schools accepted the children's booklets and the teen tracts. We had also prayed with two ladies at Daleys Point as well as at each school we had so far visited. We stayed that night at Long Jetty where we shared the Holy Spirit prayer with C who then shared it with his mother, S.

It took more than three hours to drive to Parramatta and back to the Central Coast so we did not begin visiting the schools until noon, which left us three hours to visit 13 schools. Did God make the sun stand still? We do not really know but we finished the visits in three hours! But we were very tired but exultant at His goodness to us. We had called first at Wakefield but found that it is now a high school, but J and D, two of the teachers, were most happy to receive a prayer so the visit was not wasted. We drove from school to school quite quickly; Fassifern, Fennell Bay, Teralba, Boolaroo, Speers Point, Biddabah, Warners Bay, Eleebana, Mount Hutton, Windale, Valentine and Floraville, before arriving at our motel. Some of the schools have tricky gates and we could not gain entry into Fennell Bay as we do not make appointments. But every other school accepted our prayer and both sets of booklets most graciously. A further joy was to pray with three lovely ladies we met at the motel.



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Our third day was one of great expectation that God would help us cover the 19 schools we had left on our schedule and He was utterly faithful. We began as early as we could and visited two Belmont schools, Redhead, Dudley, Wiripang at Gateshead, Jewells, Marks Point, Blacksmiths, Swansea, Caves Beach, Nords Wharf, Gwandalan, Lake Munmorah, Budgewoi, Toukley and The Entrance schools before lunch. Every one of these schools accepted our prayer and both sets of booklets. As we are not

offering them for the children but as a resource for teachers there seems to be an interest as to whether God will indeed give them wisdom and inspiration to be able to deal with the continuing emotional, social and spiritual needs of the children they teach. Other opportunities arise as we travel too. P at one of the Belmont schools took a copy of the Holy Spirit prayer and C, at Caves Beach, a copy of Psalm 91. J, the Deputy Principal at Valentine, asked us into her office to talk about the purpose of our visit and was most encouraged. These are the little bonuses of doing what we feel called by God to do at this time.

We enjoyed our lunch overlooking the lake and finished our last three schools, two at Killarney Vale and the school at Berkeley Vale just as parents were picking up their children at the end of the school day.

We had actually only driven less than 700km but we had distributed over 500 children's booklets and almost 300 teen tracts, and prayed for 58 people directly for these 45 communities. Not only do we thank Heavenly Father for His faithfulness but also friends who have supported us with their prayers and with monetary gifts.



The Entrance