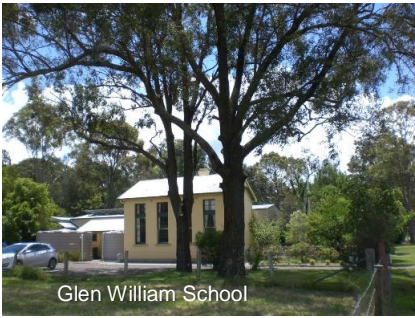


On this trip we were continuing with the distribution of the children's booklets and teen tracts and with the same purpose in mind – to bless the Public School teachers who are concerned with the emotional, spiritual and social welfare of their students. This purpose is what we have prayed for, and what we spend our money on, in hope that the powerful gospel and Jesus Christ will be loved and honoured.



On our first day we visited Raymond Terrace, Irrawang, Grahamstown, Seaham, Clarence Town, Glen William, Dungog, Stroud, Booral, Stroud Road and Stratford Public Schools. Each of these schools graciously received our booklets and prayer except Grahamstown, although A, the receptionist, did allow us to pray for the school and community there. We had the privilege of speaking to three of the Principals, who confirm our reason for our offers, which is, of course, a great encouragement to us. We stayed that night in Gloucester, where we prayed for S, the owner of the motel. We met S1, who offered us a lift as we walked on the road. She is a Christian so we prayed for each other! We always take an opportunity like that, to bring the Presence into our present consciousness.

Next morning we set out to visit Gloucester, Barrington, Krambach, Mount George, Wingham, Bobin, Elands, Wingham Brush, Tinonee, Hallidays Point, and Nabiac Schools. Everything was going well and we were received so graciously up to Bobin School, but we could not drive to Elands School because the road was closed for repairs during school hours. But S, the Principal at Bobin, said she would deliver the booklets to the Elands Principal for us when they next meet. Elands School is very remote and the only two access roads to it



are bad and pot-hole gravel, so we were very grateful. We were also received well at Wingham Brush, Tinonee and Hallidays Point but Nabiac was a rude shock. The receptionist obviously hates God and the Church and was curt and dismissive, refusing to listen to our explanation of the offer or to let us pray. Sometimes we know that receptionists are supporting their employer but this one took it upon herself to refuse without any consultation with the Principal of the school, for whom the booklets are directed, ordering us out the door because we were in the way. It is interesting when this happens how what

we hope is righteous anger wells up, because we are thinking of the spiritual welfare of a whole community.

We stayed that night in Tuncurry and began our third day by visiting Tuncurry School, then Forster, Pacific Palms, Bungwahl, Coolongolook, Bulahdelah and Tea Gardens Schools. There were no hitches and at each school our booklets and prayers were most graciously received. We had not driven through this area for a while and it is very beautiful. We finished our visits early and arrived in Karuah to enjoy the scenery. Then we went to the motel for the night. L, the owner, remembered us from a previous stay, so we had a prayer time with her. She is very community-minded, active in promoting her town and encouraging fellowship among its inhabitants.



On our fourth day we visited Medowie, Wirreanda, Tanilba Bay, Bobs Farm, Soldiers Point, Shoal Bay, Anna Bay, Salt Ash, Fern Bay and Stockton Schools. This area is also very beautiful scenery and it is not surprising that so many people settle there. Although at Tanilba Bay the booklets were not accepted for the reason often given – they are not approved by the Education Department for use in Scripture (we have met with this before), the receptionist was courteous in her



refusal and allowed us to pray. But at each of the other schools the booklets were received with the usual friendliness, helpfulness, curiosity and gratitude, that we had come at our own expense with only goodwill in our hearts to be a blessing. And this is the reason we continue while so many people are trying to get back to life with a positive outlook and even trust that God longs to bless them. We thank the Lord that He has given us this opportunity.

