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## Introducing MU NU MINISTRIES

## John writes -



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Though I grew up in an evangelical Anglican church in a Sydney suburb it was not until I attended a Billy Graham Crusade meeting that I understood that I needed to make my own decision to ask Jesus to be my Saviour and Lord. As time passed I began to realise that I should be seeking to bring others to saving faith in Jesus Christ. As various evangelism methods became available I undertook the required training, though with little to show for it in terms of people being saved.

In 1982 Elaine and I, with ten other delegates including the senior minister (mandatory), attended a Parish Renewal Conference. The Bible teaching stressed not only the Person and work of the Holy Spirit but also His power. The need for unity in the Holy Spirit in local church life and ministry and reliance on His power in ministry and management were high-lighted. To many of us present (myself included) these were novel concepts. Many participants received a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit. One of the benefits discernible in our parish was that evangelism began to be seen as a work of the Holy Spirit, dependent on His power, not on methodology. Training is helpful, however reliance on God is essential; "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance". (2 Peter 3:9b, NIV)

In the last five to six years I have seen many lives turned around, often outside the church precinct, because people have found that they have the faith to put their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation by praying a simple prayer of repentance. "To God be the glory, great things He has done ... " F J van Alstyne)

## Elaine writes -

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When I was 20 years old I went to the west of NSW on a ballet tour with the Arts Council and was billeted by country people. I was a young Christian and the hospitality of the people impacted me so much that I told God that I wanted to bless the NSW country people in the greatest way possible "one day". My full story is written in my book entitled "Of-fences".

Over the years, as I have prayed for those in the "outback", read about their various trials with regard to health and finances in particular, and developed my faith and prayer life and my knowledge of God's promises, I have this tremendous longing to stand with them to make a difference.

We have been travelling for five years now, on all the country roads, the larger towns and smaller villages, stopping to bless people who are willing to receive and praying for people and situations that God shows us by Divine Appointment.

We have seen the under-resourcing of the various churches and long to help where those in authority would appreciate some help. We are very experienced in Christian work, in a "lay" capacity and, for the last five years, in evangelism full-time work.