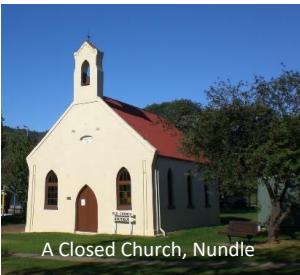


We have been very disturbed about the churches having to close their doors during this world crisis. As we prayed into this and really felt that God wants us to continue our prayer ministry across the state of NSW, we set out with leaflets of Psalm 91 to offer people as a spiritual resource. This area was our scheduled trip so we left home, relying on God's leading as to how we would proceed. We were not encouraged by someone we respect insinuating that this was not a good Christian witness, but we wanted to obey God's leading.

As we travelled we realised how many people are not in faith about God's goodness and care for us but in great fear and not really understanding what they could do. We gave out our first Ps 91 in Singleton and prayed for another 3 people. On the reverse side of the Psalm we have printed our usual 'personal prayer' for people to open their hearts to Jesus. At Willow Tree we prayed for 9, and 3 of these took the Psalm. We were already finding that people appreciated the copy of God's promises so we were becoming bolder. We prayed for 3 people, and a little family in Wallabadah, who also took the Psalm. We prayed for M on the road and he also took the Psalm and in Nundle, where we stayed the night, we prayed for 7 more, giving out 6 Psalms. We were shocked to learn that Nundle had been raided by those greedy and selfish people who came on buses to buy what they could not acquire in the city. Thus we had a rather strange dinner because the pub was closed.



A Closed Church, Nundle

Next morning, after our book table witness we drove to Woolomin. L, principal at the school, was very pleased to take a set of our children's booklets, and we prayed for 6, 4 of whom took the Psalm. At Dungowan, the school principal was under great pressure so was glad of our prayer and we also gave her our children's books

to distribute. We encouraged 2 with the Psalm and moved on to Niangala. A appreciated the Psalm and prayer very much, and we gave D at the school our set of children's books, and gave 2 the Psalm. We arrived in Walcha for lunch but they had been hard hit by the people in the buses so would not sell anything to those who were not local. When we put up the book table we were abused by a shopkeeper. We felt this was indicative of the fear generated by the present pestilence around the world. Nevertheless we prayed for 8, gave out 4 Psalm leaflets and our book, 'Living in the Kingdom'. We then drove to Armidale for the night, where we could also buy some food.



A Closed Church, Wallabadah



A Closed Pub, Nundle

Our accommodation was lovely, and we shared a prayer with the owner, N, and his assistant, A. Next morning we put up our book table and prayed for 11, and gave out 10 Psalms. We drove to Black Mountain for fuel and prayed for S and S1 who are Muslim. Each took the Psalm leaflet. We stopped in Glencoe and prayed for 2 but only V took the leaflet. We put up the book table in Glen Innes but were told very aggressively to move on. We had prayed for 4, each of whom had received the Psalm, then we went to the Catholic Church which, like others, has closed its doors, but we met and prayed with B and offered her Psalm 91. Outside we were led to pray that when they open their doors again they will be rushed with those returning to the Lord. We turned south again and drove to Bendemeer. We met with appreciation at what we were trying to do and prayed for 7, gave 5 Psalms and 12 children's books as the children are at home but the teachers are preparing work for them daily. As we drove towards Tamworth a big storm broke so we went to our motel. S, the owner, took a Psalm and we prayed for her.

Next morning we set up the book table and prayed for 8, 7 of whom took the Psalm. At Calala we prayed for 4, who took the leaflet, and a Christian lady thanked us for what we were doing. At Moonbi we met P and M at their house. They are Christians so after we read Psalm 91 together we also prayed together for some neighbours who had problems. It was a really beautiful time. Next door we prayed for E and M who are also Christians and again read Psalm 91, enjoying that short time of fellowship. We drove to Kootingal with our last 3 leaflets and prayed with the 3 people who received them. We only had some leaflets with 2 Chronicles 7:13,14, so in Nemingha we spoke to A who is a Hindu and he was delighted to have a prayer and to receive the leaflet. We laughed to ourselves that we only need a Muslim to receive one in the next village, Loomberah, and when we met S who was very open to receive a prayer and the leaflet, that was exactly what we found. He was a Catholic who has converted to Islam. We had quite a chat and he was very grateful for the prayer and asked us to pray for his relatives who "hate" God.

It was time to head for home. We had relied on God's leading so we trusted He would use our work for His glory, and we had given out 69 Psalm 91 leaflets to encourage the readers to trust in our faithful God for their protection in these days.