## DORRIGO – KYOGLE – URUNGA

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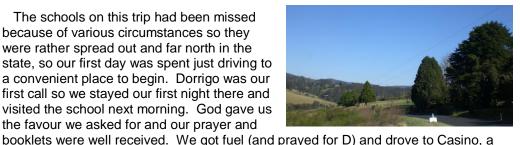
Except for 4 more primary schools this was to be our last trip to visit NSW schools with the Children's booklets and Teen tracts, according to the strategy that God had laid on our hearts, to re-introduce His love and faithfulness, by our faith, where the NSW Department of Education had decreed no God, apart from the witness of Scripture teachers in those schools where they are invited. Even on this trip we found that some of the schools no longer have or even allow Scripture teachers in, although some have Chaplains who move from school to school in an area.



The schools on this trip had been missed because of various circumstances so they were rather spread out and far north in the state, so our first day was spent just driving to a convenient place to begin. Dorrigo was our first call so we stayed our first night there and visited the school next morning. God gave us the favour we asked for and our prayer and



Scenes around Dorrigo



4 hour but scenic trip, arriving at lunch time at Casino School followed by Casino West. The people we spoke with were lovely and the schools received our prayer and booklets. We also had opportunity to pray with 2 ladies in the street. Then we drove to Kyogle School, where we were met by the Principal who showed interest and accepted the Booklets and prayer. Her receptionist was also very interested. We then drove to Collins Creek School. This is quite remote and has no Scripture nor do they apparently want it, but the Principal did accept the booklets and a prayer and the receptionist very kindly printed us a map to get back to Kyogle a much better and safer way. On the way to this school we met a farmer who did not believe in God and refused a blessing but he did help us find our way there. We



On the way to Fernleigh



Koala in tree at South Lismore School

arrived back in Kyogle for the night at a motel in which we had stayed before. The owner is a lovely Chinese lady so we gave her one of our Chinese leaflets and we prayed for her.

We knew our second day of visits would be busy but we did not expect such serious spiritual opposition which was exhausting to work through. The day started well enough with a drive to the mountain to Barkers Vale School, but there was so much roadwork going on and lots of delays. However we were well received so that was great. We then drove towards Lismore, passing Larnook School about which we did not know so it was great to stop there as the Principal was very interested and gladly received the booklets and prayer, although she had to hand us over to her librarian. We arrived in Lismore and found that there were another two schools that we had not accounted for. It became very stressful because three of the schools had been affected by the floods and been rebuilt but the addresses we had were where the flooded schools had been. We found Lismore South School, then Albert Park School, then Lismore School. At least the booklets and prayer were greatly appreciated. Lismore Heights School had not been affected by the floods and was where we expected but the roads were busy and there were such strong spirits of confusion, stress and anxiety in that place. It was not so obvious with the people we spoke with but the spiritual atmosphere was oppressive and we were exhausted by the time we drove to Goonellabah School and it wasn't even lunch time. A sugar fix with prayer helped and we were on our way to

Fernleigh School, but the GPS took us the 'scenic route' (see photo), much longer than we had planned. But we were received so graciously by the Principal and her receptionist that we began to revive. From there we went to Bangalow School where the booklets and prayer were well received (actually to our surprise considering this is a New Age area). We drove to Coorabell School which is in a well-to-do area with magnificent scenery, on the mountain

overlooking the sea. Here we met K who refused the booklets and prayer and adamantly refused to show them to the Principal. We were extremely disappointed and God came to our rescue. A, an experienced teacher at this school, saw us and asked how she could help us. We explained and though she cannot share the booklets at the school against the Principal's decree she took the booklets for the sake of her community, seemingly understanding what this was saying to God Himself. What a blessing she is!! We drove to Byron Bay with good results but were running seriously short of time to finish what we had set ourselves. But we arrived at Rous School just in time and had a very happy result there too just as a fierce storm

was brewing. We ate lunch in the car and began our drive to Urunga two hours away just as the storm hit. God had enabled us to finish our schedule. But we repeatedly had to rebuke the rain as it was pelting down and we could not really see the road, but Jesus had already given us instructions how to do this and shortly the rain eased off until we were close to our destination (when we prayed again).

Next morning we began a long but pleasant drive home. We are so thankful that God gave us favour at every school, and we believe that He will also bless all those who received our booklets by faith that God would indeed answer the prayer of our hearts for these teachers to be influenced enough to impart to the children the principles in these booklets and to bless these communities of which these schools are a hub.