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BEACH MISSION GOES BUSH

Reverend Robert McEwin, Leigh Creek

Wilpena Pound in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia is a very popular place for holidaying in winter. It is located some 420 kilometres north of Adelaide and, according to Aboriginal legend, the Pound is "the place of the bent fingers". The peaks and escarpments of Wilpena Pound resemble the partly clenched fingers of a slightly cupped hand. In appearance Wilpena Pound is a giant bowl having as its base a park-like plateau covering some 83 square kilometres.

The Pound was the scene of a new venture by the Scripture Union Mission Committee which embarked upon it at the request of our Anglican Mission District of Leigh Creek. It was an endeavour to conduct Christian outreach with the usual approach of a beach mission organised in the form of a "bush mission".

The team was gathered from across the State from places as far apart as Adelaide, Coober Pedy and Leigh Creek and the week of activity began on August 25th. All the team members were aware of two conflicting feelings — apprehension because this was the first venture of its kind and a quiet confidence in God who made it all possible.

Families camping at Wilpena often use it as a base to visit scenic sights nearby, so activities began early each day. The morning session was from 8 to 9 a.m. with other sessions in mid-afternoon and the evening. There were games, "bush rangers' banquets", films, talks, singing and many other features. The average attendance at the meetings was 80 to 100 people. The over-riding aim of the whole activity was to provide opportunity to talk with people — young and old alike — about the Christian faith. A variety of people were prepared to chat about this. Some were obviously closely connected to their local church and others who were unaware of the real reason for celebrating even such things as Christmas and Easter. During the week many books were sold which we hope folk took and read at their leisure.

Why a mission in a holiday resort? Don't people go to these places to get away from it all? Yes they do — but often in the business of a regular routine it is easy to lose sight of the broader perspectives and overriding principles of life. The leisure of holidays allows time to stand and consider objectively where one is going and for what purpose. In that leisure time, if a true perspective is to be gained, it is vital to consider life from the viewpoint of Jesus Christ and the claims He has on life.

Was it worthwhile? Yes! Emphatically yes! It was worthwhile because some people questioned seriously the validity of the Christian faith — others were delighted to share in worship in the camp service and at other times — others looked on from a distance — but in the whole exercise the seed of the Word of God was sown and Christian Witness was given. Our prayer is that God will water the seed which has been sown and bring forth the harvest in His way and in His time.

(The cover picture shows a large part of the team responsible for running the Bush Mission.)

TARCOOLA Diocese of Willochra



A cry for help came unexpectedly one morning. The Tarcoola Medical Fund Committee wondered if there would be any chance of the Bush Church Aid Society supplying a Sister or two for Tarcoola. Within three weeks, Sister Kay Trappel was flying out of Sydney for Adelaide and thence to go by train to Tarcoola. Kay will be very much a member of B.C.A. for fellowship and prayer support.

Kay's testimony is an interesting one. Before she began her nursing, she believed herself to be called of God to help with work in remote parts of Australia. Long before her training was finished, she was enquiring about possibilities. At expense to herself and in faith she took certain steps believing that there would be a place of God's appointment. When she was available (after a short holiday overseas), seemingly there was no place open for her. She was about to search for an interim nursing position when the plea for help came. A number of Kay's friends and the church folk both at Paddington (near where she was nursing) and at Dural (her home parish) saw the appointment as a direct answer to prayer.

The Society was first involved at Tarcoola in a cottage hospital with Sister B. Page, who served for many years. Then the local people built their own hospital, with their own medical fund and committee and invited the Society to supply staff. There came a time when staff was not available and the committee had a number of short-term Sisters. When the last one left, there seemed no way in which any other Sister could be available. Now the little town is becoming much more important as it will be the junction of the new North-South Railway to Alice Springs. At the moment the Royal Flying Doctor is doubling his visits to come twice a month, and already the spiritual work has recommenced in Tarcoola. The little church is being renovated and encouraging reports have come of the ministry that is being given. We are praying for another Sister, and even before this is printed, we hope that there will be a second nurse to help with the work.



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COOBER PEDY

Diocese of Willochra

Revd. Kerry Medway reports —

The bazookie twanged loudly as the dancers jiggled, shoulder to shoulder, to the beat of Zorba the Greek. The crowd on the perimeter began to throw money . . . two dollars, ten dollars, twenty dollars? . . . The music increased in tempo, as did the dancers, with the money swirling at their feet . . . the crowd was being whipped by the music into a frenzy . . . a group of Yugoslavs looked on hazily through the dust and smoke, as they bid fifty dollars for an imported bottle of Italian wine . . . the crowd hushed as a pretty Aboriginal girl, with guitar, nasally sang her way through a couple of hillbilly songs . . . Greeks, Italians, Yugoslavs, Hungarians, Croatians, Czechs, and dinkum Aussies, in the flurry of activity and the flowing of the booze, soon forgot many hours of crawling, digging, swallowing dust, breathing dynamite fumes, welding blowers, bulldozing, searching and seeking for that elusive fortune in opal.

This is Coober Pedy as the movie-makers would introduce it. A tough, outback town of 3,000 people (give or take a thousand), where the men outnumber the women ten to one, where people live underground, where fortunes are made and lost overnight.



The Medways and the parish micro bus



THE REAL AUSTRALIAN

Yet beneath this tough international exterior are men and women, lost and lonely, and, like all mankind, in need of a Saviour. Here man searches for hidden opal treasure, but his eyes are blind to the wonderful treasures of the Kingdom of God.

How does one open the eyes of the blind that they may see? How does one with a parish in area larger than the State of Victoria, open the eyes of the thousands of opal miners in Coober Pedy; the hundreds of fettlers along the Trans Continental Railway Line; and the dozens of station people in the north west of South Australia?

We may well ask how? For me, the task is impossible, but by God's Grace it becomes a reality, through the proclaiming of God's Word, and the prayer support of hundreds of praying Christians.

Here in this large slab of Australia, known as the Coober Pedy Mission District, God's Word is being proclaimed through Christian films and propaganda (over 500 copies of "Opal Chips", an evangelistic parish paper, are distributed every two months). Local Christians are being built up by the preaching of God's Word, and encouraged to respond to the Spirit's leading and share their faith with neighbours and workmates. At every opportunity people are contacted with God's Word by visiting, talking, befriending, and helping in a practical way.

The Word of God is powerful, and we pray that there may soon be many more testimonies like the following from an opal miner. He said, "I came to Coober Pedy looking for my fortune in opal . . . but instead found treasure of far greater value. . . . I found Jesus . . . and now I'm going home to try and repair the damage I've done to my family. . . ."

Praise God, and let us join with Paul when he said in Romans 1, verses 14-16, "I am under obligation . . . I am eager . . . I am not ashamed to preach the Gospel, it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."



Water cartage

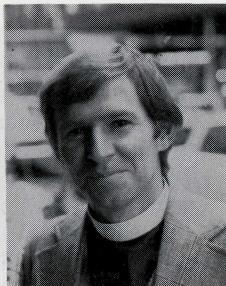


Home in a dugout

WILCANNIA

Diocese of Riverina

Revd. David Eastway reports —



Wilcannia is an area where B.C.A. missionaries have ministered for more than fifty years. One of the earliest and best known is the Reverend Leonard Daniels, now 83 years of age and living in Sydney. He was brought back last month by the Reverend Chris Clerke of Menindee for a nostalgic visit. It was a thrill for Mr. Daniels to fly in the 'plane which now bears his name and visit several of the places which he himself flew into under very differing circumstances.

Today the town of Wilcannia has a population of about 900 with the whole parish covering an area of some 20,000 square miles. Included in the area are the townships of Ivanhoe, White Cliffs and Tilpa.

Things have changed since the Revd. Leonard Daniels served in this parish. Although words like "isolation", "difficult living conditions", "heat, dust and flies" are often used in descriptions of the area, when you really face up to what there is today we actually live like kings. Air-conditioned comfort in car and home help enormously. No longer do camels, bikes and T-model Fords spell out TRANSPORT. When speaking at a meeting in Sydney recently I was told of the time when there were no roads and people found their way around by following a compass — so no more groans and moans from me!

There are, of course, conditions to which one has to adapt, such as being caught in the rain and bogged for a day and having to bathe or shower in dark brown, smelly river water — but what are these compared to the past? The thing which outweighs all the conditions which may seem to make the whole position difficult is the privilege and opportunity of being in a place where one is able to share the Word of God with those in the outback of N.S.W. with the opportunity of encouraging them in their Christian living.

The area is sheep country. In recent years good rains have resulted in plenty of pasture around Wilcannia, however, Ivanhoe graziers are in need of rain and face severe difficulties if rain doesn't fall soon and give the land a good soaking. Much time is spent visiting graziers and their families. We have found people on the land very honest and open with regard to their Christian convictions. Although always friendly and hospitable, they will communicate their position clearly, whether it be for or against. However, we have been greatly encouraged by the Spirit of God working in many hearts and meeting many needs. For example, recently we were visiting stations and Carlene, having started a "Know Your Bible Course" (Christian Women's Convention), was leaving copies of "Christian Woman" with interested folk. She left the last magazine at the station and



St. James, Wilcannia

was feeling disappointed at having no more copies for the woman at the next station whom we knew would be interested. When we arrived Carlene was greeted by an enthusiastic wife who had received from her mother through the mail, a magazine which had proved very helpful and brought much encouragement to her faith — you guessed it — "Christian Woman".

It is proving difficult these days for people in the area to organise their "time off" to fit in with Sunday Service programmes in the towns and of course, distance is also a big problem. So, at the moment I am organising regular "station services" for several families in an area and hold them at a time which suits them. People seem enthusiastic about the plan. We had 25 at the first of these services which was followed by a barbecue and tennis afternoon.

In Wilcannia we have begun a Coffee Shop for those in High School and an After School Club on Thursdays for those in Primary School. We have about 15-20 regulars at these activities.

To conclude let me say thank you for your prayer, interest and support as a member of the B.C.A. family. There is a constant awareness with us of the many who pray regularly and consistently for the work of B.C.A. and let us testify to this great fact — we are seeing the Lord at work.



White Cliffs Church

from
the
Federal
Secretary



Thanksgiving in our sunburnt country.

A news item a few weeks ago stated that many parishes in England were finding it difficult to have harvest thanksgiving this year. Many churches had cancelled the event. Others modified the form of thanksgiving.

In the same mail I received two magazines. The *Bush Brother* spoke of the "flood epic". "Packed and ready to leave — Brisbane deluged with rain — continuing. Roads directly west flooding. Hurried phone consultation with Godfrey, who suggests building ark, or leaving Tuesday."

The other magazine was *The Willochran*, wherein the Bishop writes, "It is still very dry and a strong north wind has been raging, blowing up dust from the fields thirsty for rain. We all long for some rain, and pray for it also, and yet this dry spell has reminded me that, after all, we men and women do not control the world."

The Bishop, of course, is quite right. He goes on to remark how funny the sign "weather control" is outside of those shops which sell fuel oil for heating. We live in a topsy-turvy world where there are

storms of all kinds, be they cyclones, floods, fire or drought.

I believe that God sometimes does not take us out of the storm but keeps us within the storm. "My grace is sufficient for you." Without doubt, the difficulties of wind and weather do make us realise our dependency upon God however much health, wealth or happiness a person may have. "I need Thee every hour", is more true than we realise.

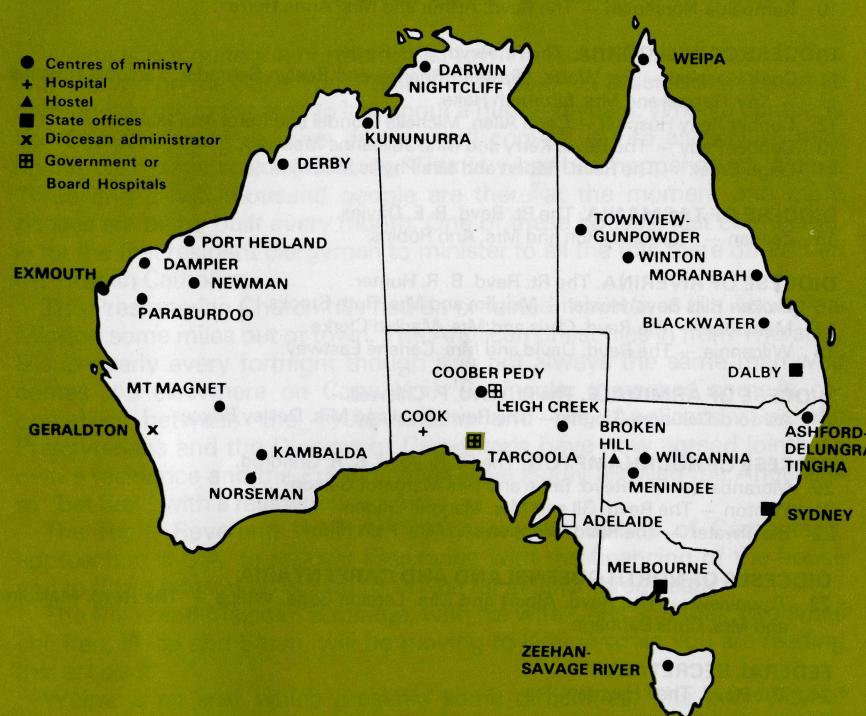
In the Society, we are faced constantly with problems of staffing and finance which throw us on to the mercy and goodness of God. Just as constantly we have cause to praise God for His wonder in working in many wonderful ways.

Perhaps here is where a very real and heartfelt thanksgiving can be given even in the midst of our sunburnt country. The Grace of God is at work. Lives are being transformed. Men, women and young folk have the opportunity to hear the glorious Gospel and to worship, however infrequently. Perhaps there is a spiritual harvest which is many times more important than hectares of beautiful waving golden grain. For both of these and for all God's mercies may His Holy Name be praised. It is meet and right at all times to give Him thanks.

Your friend,

THE B.C.A. PRAYER

O Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask You to bless those whom You have called into the fellowship of The Bush Church Aid Society. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through healing, and through caring for the young, the message of Your redeeming love may be proclaimed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A DAILY PRAYER

O God, we remember before You those whom You have called to Your service. We ask You to bless assure them of Your Presence, and call others to stand with them in the task. Grant to them, as to us, the joy of service, the ability to achieve, and the serenity of Your peace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Revd. Malcolm Babbage with his wife Chris

FRESH FIELDS WEIPA Diocese of Carpentaria

Weipa is not quite the northernmost town in Australia. It is about in line with Darwin on the Cape York Peninsula. It has been assessed that there is enough bauxite in the area to last about a hundred years. When a company like Comalco want to mine bauxite and convert it into aluminium they spend vast sums making a town. This is what has happened at Weipa. Three and a half thousand people are there at the moment and more houses are being built every month. One of these houses, just completed, is for the first resident clergyman to minister to all the folk there other than the Roman Catholics.

The Presbyterian Church has had an ordained minister at the Aboriginal Mission some miles out of town. The Anglican priest flies in from Thursday Island nearly every fortnight though it is not always the same man who comes. As elsewhere on Cape York Peninsula, there has come a co-operation between the Presbyterians and the Anglicans. So, the Presbyterians and the Diocese of Carpentaria have now agreed jointly to own a residence and the Presbyterians have kindly allowed the Anglicans to "bat first" with a resident clergyman.

The Right Reverend H. T. U. Jamieson, the Bishop of Carpentaria, approached B.C.A. to request assistance with the financing of the house and to find a priest who will go to Weipa for at least three years.

The Reverend Malcolm Babbage, with his wife Chris and their two small children, Philip and Sarah, will be moving to Weipa while you are reading this account.

Weipa is an area which presents some difficulties. The only way of entering is by 'plane or by ship. Therefore the personal belongings of the Babages will go up to Cairns and then be put on a ship to be taken around the top of the Gulf and finally to come to the very excellent port of Weipa. Malcolm and his family will fly in. Like most places in the tropics it will be mostly "open air living" and in the cyclone-resistant two-storey building in which the family will live, the large overhead ceiling fans will help them to keep reasonably cool.

The new ministry will begin with a small nucleus of committed folk but they are a warm-hearted and co-operative group who are looking forward very much to Malcolm and Chris coming among them.



NEWMAN

Diocese of North West Australia
Revd. Dalba Primmer reports —

If I were asked to describe Newman in one sentence I would probably take a biblical text out of context and say "Here we have no continuing city". The obvious fact that strikes me as I talk with people is that everyone plans eventually to move on to a better place which they will make and call home. Their stay in Newman is merely a time of accumulation and preparation to live elsewhere. One frank and honest fellow confessed that the only reason the Company and he were here was to make money. Statistics show that at present single men stay approximately ten months and married men with families stay approximately three years. The mobility of population is, of course, reflected in the life of the church. In my first six months at Newman six members of our worshipping congregation were farewelled which may not seem very drastic until one becomes aware that this is twenty per cent of the congregation.

Newman is referred to as "the cleanest, greenest town in the west" and this is a well justified claim. The town is just so typical of suburbia to look at that it is almost unbelievable that we are in fact living in the splendid isolation of the East Pilbara region of North West Australia. Our two closest capital cities are Perth which is close on 1500 kilometres away to the south and Darwin which is close on 2500 kilometres away to the north. The population has climbed to nearly 5,000 and will be 6,000 by this time next year. There are some 1,500 children; a pre-school; two primary schools and a high school which make the usual demands upon the Rector's time. There are some 500 single men in the town — which must be a single girl's idea of paradise.

The impermanence of the population makes one aware that the fruits of one's labour may not necessarily be seen in Newman. One has to accept that in actual fact the work and witness for the Lord of people who are now ministered to in Newman, will be exercised most fully in that other place which will, one day, become their home.

Our congregation meets each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall for worship. This has become a really joyous experience. The chief characteristic of the congregation is that numerically it is small, being made up predominately of young families. Because of this every service becomes a "Family Service" and therefore much less formal than the traditional Morning Communion Service. Personally I find this one of the most encouraging signs in the church today and particularly in places like Newman where people are again recapturing the concept of the family worshipping as a family unit. For too long the good old Church of England has suffered adversely from the fragmentation of the family. A "cuppa" and a chat follow the service and this too is doing much to weld people more realistically into "The Fellowship".

"Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:13). I come back to where I began but this time I use the biblical text in its correct context and ask you to pray with us that the Christian community in Newman may be used of God to bring home to people that as they realise the impermanence of their stay at Newman, they may also come to realise the impermanence of their life in this world and so prepare for eternity and their home with Christ as they prepare in Newman for their temporal home in another part of Australia.



Part of congregation
at Newman



Massive machinery
at mine

The staff of B.C.A.
thank you
for your support
during 1976

May the
joy of Christmas
be yours
and the
New Year
be filled
with blessing.





POST & RAILS

- Laurie Calder has been able to spend three weeks in the Diocese of North West Australia. Beside visiting some of the B.C.A. missionaries and sharing with them in their work, he was also present in Karratha at the time of the meetings of Synod and the Mission Services which Bishop Witt conducted. Laurie reports that his visit was stimulating and encouraging in every way and will certainly help him in his ministry in deputations.
- We are most grateful to Mrs. Elizabeth Hake, wife of a former Headmaster of King's School in Sydney, for the ready help she gave to the Society recently. Mrs. Hake went to Tarcoola to be "a helper" to Sister Kay Trappel. Mrs. Hake's presence, together with the ready help of Dianne Kennaugh and Pat Watts, made it possible for both Kay Trappel and Elizabeth Brierley to attend some special courses at Port Augusta and Whyalla.
- In recent months there has been quite a good flow of used postage stamps through the office in Sydney and these have been sent on to our good friend Miss Unwin and her band of helpers. The demand for used stamps hasn't abated, so please keep them coming.
- Another source of income for the Society has been provided by folk making gifts of jewellery which we have been able to sell for the precious metals which they contain.

It is interesting and encouraging to know that people ask the question, "I wonder if this could help provide income for B.C.A.". We are grateful to those who already have helped in this way and will be glad to hear from others who may be able to help.

- In Sydney office at least twice a year we appreciate the help given by the band of voluntary workers who assist with big mailings and in other ways as well. Various circumstances have made the band to decline in strength so that we are looking for new recruits. Laurie Calder will be glad to give information to anyone who may like to enquire or volunteer.
- We are delighted to report that the Rectory at Dampier (North West Australia) has now been paid for. The cheque for the final payment was handed over during the Synod meetings at Karratha. The Reverend Bill Ross and his parishioners are to be congratulated and commended on a job so well done, as well as for all the zeal and energy they showed.
- The Rallies in Adelaide and Melbourne were held during October. Once again the gatherings reflected a real interest in and concern for the work of the Society by many people. The Reverend Barry Green's special audio visual — "More precious than jewels" (the third of its kind) was featured at each of the Rallies and, like the

others, was well received and favourably commented on.

- The Annual Fair organised and arranged by the Women's Auxiliary in Sydney was held on Wednesday, October 20th. Work being done in and around the Cathedral and Chapter House made it necessary to postpone the Fair from July. Once again the effort met with good support and proved to be a most worthwhile occasion. We are grateful to the officers and members of the Women's Auxiliary for all that they do to help and support the Society.

- The fourth B.C.A. Country Conference was held at Gilbullia, Menangle (N.S.W.) over the weekend from October 22nd to October 24th. Some 90 people covering a wide age-range shared in the programme over the weekend in which Bishop Witt and the Reverend Reg Clark (formerly of Paraburadoo), Barry Rainsford (formerly of Coober Pedy) and Chris Clerke of Menindee played a leading part.

- The Reverend Albert Sage, with his wife Lareine and their children,

will be leaving Townview (North Queensland) at the end of November. Albert will be taking up an appointment in the Diocese of Melbourne. The Bishop of North Queensland has appointed the Reverend John Parton to take charge of the parish and in informing the Society of this, he wrote, "we will never cease to be grateful to the Bush Church Aid Society for nurturing and fostering this work over the past six years". We are grateful to Albert and Lareine for the service they have given and trust that they will find joy, satisfaction and blessing in their new sphere of service.

- We are most grateful to Dianne Kennaugh for the way in which she has come to the aid of the Society by being so ready to "fill in" at Cook and Tarcoola during recent weeks. This reference to Dianne's help leads the editor to offer a sincere apology for not letting readers know that Dianne had relinquished her position at Cook Hospital — a fact made necessary by the unsatisfactory health of her parents and Dianne's feeling of responsibility for their care.

AN INTERESTING NOTE

The following is part of a letter received by the Melbourne office.

"In 1933, I was staying at Mundrabilla Station, W.A., and urgently desired to return to Forrest on the Nullarbor Plain. Because the manager wanted me to stay as company for his wife, he kept putting off returning me to my husband of only a few months.

I was getting desperate, when along came the Bush minister and his wife from Eucla, on the three months' round trip of their circuit.

They very kindly managed to squeeze me in the back amongst their pots and pans, etc., for the eighty mile journey. They were Church of England, and sometimes held a service at the Aerodrome, otherwise, the Station.

Recently I heard your appeal, and realised I had never repaid the Bush Service money-wise for that long trip, so please accept the enclosed cheque with gratitude for that long ago service."

As far as we can establish the "Bush Minister" concerned was the Reverend G. C. Woolf who served at Ceduna from 1931-35.