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Front Cover:

Pausing for a breath at the B.C.A. Weekend in Sydney, L to R: Rev Glen Zimmerle, Sr. Gai Di Donna, Bishop Harry Goodhew, Mrs. Phyllis Collie, Rev. Bob Collie

Meet some new friends

We all value genuine friendships. Introductions play an important role in establishing these relationships. So we take care in introducing our friends to others.

Andrew, who had not long before met Jesus and decided to follow Him, went and found his brother, Simon. As soon as he broke the staggering news — "we have found the Messiah", Andrew brought his brother to Jesus and introduced him [John 1:40-42]. Simon Peter was to become one of Jesus' closest friends and ultimately spokesman for the disciples.

As David Mulready continues to introduce some of the B.C.A. children, I am pleased to introduce our new field staff to the "family" \dots

Up in the most northern part of Grafton Diocese lies the rural parish of the Upper Clarence, with the main industries beef cattle and timber. Actually it's an amalgamation of three former parishes (Woodenbong, Bonalbo and Mallanganee), and has been experiencing a rapid decline in population. Traditional families are leaving the area for larger towns. Based in the rectory at Bonalbo, DICK and PAT FREEMAN are having a good minstry among keen Christians from the seven church centres which make up the parish. As evangelists Dick and Pat both trained in the old Church Army College at Stockton. Dick also studied at Bible College and St. John's, Morpeth. Since then they have served in several country parishes. Griffith. Hillston and Branxton. They look to B.C.A. for fellowship, prayer and financial support.

BISHOP ARTHUR MALCOLM and his wife COLLEEN are widely known in the Australian church. For ten years they

laboured for Christ in the Yarrabah Aboriginal community, initially with the Church Army. As part of that church planting ministry Bishop Arthur has been active in training Aborigines for the ordained ministry. It has become necessary for Arthur and Colleen to move into Cairns. Because of widespread alcoholism, homelessness and despair, there is an increasing demand for Bishop Malcolm to extend his ministry to Aboriginal people in Cairns itself, Townsville and Mackay, and to support the ministry at Mt. Isa.

B.C.A. has pledged financial and prayer support for this vital Aboriginal ministry in North Queensland.

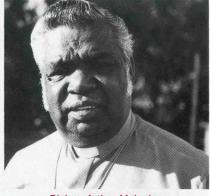
B.C.A. has been blessed with highly trained Christian nurses for work along the Trans Line in S.A. Our latest recruit, CHRISTINA RYMAN, is no exception! Christina committed her life to Christ in the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade and went on to become a competent nursing sister. With this training God called her into missionary service with the Baptist Missionary Society. Christina served for a decade in Irian Jaya and New Guinea, in clinical nursing and nurse education, returning to Australia in 1986.

In 1988 Christina entered the Church Army College of Evangelism and graduated last December. Last year she gained valuable pastoral experience in the parish of Caloundra, Queensland. Other skills include typing, Indonesian and Pidgin languages, and a teacher's certificate in Christian Education. Destination? Tarcoola District Hospital. Christina has begun to taste the love and fellowship of the B.C.A. family.

It has been great to introduce these experienced Christian workers to you. Did you notice how all of them were trained by the Church Army?

Working together for the spread of the gospel Australia wide.

ERNIE CARNABY Federal Secretary



Bishop Arthur Malcolm.



Rev. Dick and Mrs. Pat Freeman.



Sister Christina Ryman.

The hills are alive with the sound of the gospel!

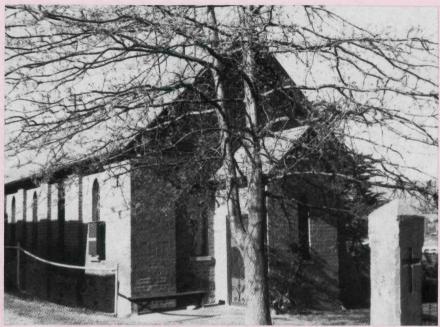
The parish of Omeo is hills, hills, and hills with the occasional mountain thrown in for relief. The odd straight stretches of road can be counted on one hand. Many of the access roads off the main connecting road wind their way through the wilderness of mountain ash and snow gums. So to visit people on their properties, even a comparatively short distance from the town, requires climbing a winding, rough track around the side of a mountain, down into the valley and across the permanent running creeks and rivers fed by thawing snow and frequent rainfall.

This area is so unlike most B.C.A. supported areas, the difficulties being at the other extreme of climatic conditions. One

is not worried about how effective the air conditioning in the vehicle is, so much as being concerned about the efficiency of the heating. (Eat your heart out North West.)

Another difference is that the population, although small — some 1600 for the entire shire — is more permanent. Many families living here go back to the original settlers of 1836. While not as isolated geographically as some other places, it is nevertheless cut off because of its difficult access over the mountain terrain. Many roads are closed in the winter (which seems to last forever) due to snow, and even on the main roads chains must be carried to negotiate icy, wet





"Christchurch" Omeo (built 1882).

stretches. There are now sealed roads in places which enable one to travel distances in a few hours that once would take four days on horseback.

In the B.C.A. areas in the other States, particularly in the newer developing regions, it is often commented on how few, if any, grandparent figures there are. Our situation is the opposite: young people move out of the area to seek employment so consequently there is a predominantly ageing population with a few young families. So it is an occasion for joy when, as happened recently, two young mothers found in Christ a meaning and direction for their life and living. For one it was a renewal from a very distant partial commitment; for the other a totally new encounter with Christ which filled the missing dimension to her life. It was also a further occasion for praise when, following her Confirmation, her young children sought baptism with the desire to know more of Jesus.

The proclamation of Isaiah seems most appropriate when ministering in this parish:

"Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up,
Every mountain and hill made low.
The rough ground shall become level,
The rugged places a plain,
And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

The purpose of being here is to reveal the Glory of the Lord, and exercise nurture at those times when it is seen in the changed lives of people, as well as ministering to and strengthening those already committed to our Lord and His Church.

At this time, this ministry is only made possible through the provision of B.C.A. support.

(Errol and Anne Sorensen have ministered with B.C.A. since 1981 [Omeo 1988])

New church for Kununurra

St. James' Church, Kununurra, the fifth church to be built through the Outback Church Foundation, was consecrated on 4 November, 1990. The consecration was a splendid occasion. Archbishop Peter Carnley was the preacher, and both Bishop Clyde Wood of the N.T. and Bishop Bernard Buckland of Broome took part in the service.

The church was consecrated by Bishop Ged Muston of North West Australia before a congregation of 260 people under very hot conditions. Led by Murray Lamont the Rector, the local residents had worked hard for weeks in preparation for the great day.

Surrounded by a wide verandah, the complex includes a worship area seating 100, opening onto a larger fellowship area with kitchen and toilet/shower block. An area has been set aside for the parish opportunity shop.

B.C.A. has supported the ministry in Kununurra since 1965.



Gathered for the opening at Kununurra, some of the B.C.A. team: L to R: Mr. David Martin (Darwin), Revs. John Symons (Derby), Murray Lamont (Kununurra), Ernie Carnaby (Federal Secretary), Ron Bundy (Palmerston), Raymond Molyneux (Newman), Mr. Martin Weatherston (Geraldton).

New Hall for Quilpie

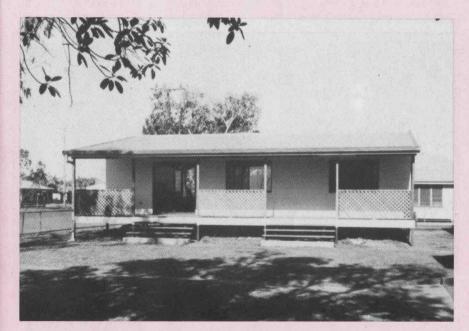
The dedication and opening service of the new Sunday School buildings was held on 29 September, 1990. In the presence of a number of local parishioners, Shire Council members and other dignitaries, the Bishop for the Western Region, Bishop Adrian Charles declared the building open.

In his address he stressed the importance of the meeting together of the people of the Christian faith as taught by the Apostles of Jesus Christ in the scriptures (Acts 2:42).

At the completion of the service we had a light barbecue lunch. It was a glorious day for the outside service and fellowship which followed.

It is to the glory of God and heartfelt thanks to all of you wonderful people who helped to make this building possible.

EDMUND C. IRELAND
Parish Secretary



Wilcannia News

Christopher's parents Leon and Belinda Zanker live on Laurel Vale Station. They are a Lutheran family. They faithfully attend our monthly services in Tilpa — this is an 80 km drive for them, over rough dirt roads at night. They also have homestead services to which they invite their neighbours who will drive the 30-40 kilometres to attend. Christopher thought of this song one evening after we had a sing-along for the children before the service. He was comfortably settled in a bean bag when he asked could he sing us his own song. Belinda was able to help him write it down for us to enjoy.

Christopher is a "School of the Air" kid. We enjoy their hospitality, and seeing the attention Belinda and Leon give to teaching Christopher and his younger sister and brother Joanne and Darren, of God's love in Jesus.

Phyllis Collie

(Bob and Phyllis Collie have been at Wilcannia for four years)

Jesus Jesus I love you because

you love Me

I Will do What you say
I love you and want to be your

friend because you are my

friend

Christopher Zanker

Psalm 8.2. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

5 years old.

"Hammer and tap"

The tap of hammer and other activities associated with building has been a familiar and welcome interruption to life at St. James', Wilcannia.

Lyndon and Brenda Peake of Ringwood, Victoria, are well known in B.C.A. circles for their assistance in building or renovations to church properties in centres serviced by B.C.A. Since 1979, they've worked on buildings at Kununurra (3 times), Winton, Broken Hill Hostel, Georgetown and Cook Hospital (twice).

Lyndon, a builder and plumber, and Brenda his able assistant, have built an extension to the church hall. This provides toilets and a shower, facilities bringing the hall up to regulation standards. Apart from the normal use of the hall, this will be a wonderful provision when travellers camp into the church grounds or the hall.

There have been many such emergencies in recent years when flooding of the Darling River has closed the caravan park for months on end.

This project would not have got off the ground without funding given by private donors, friends of B.C.A., supporting parishes and the Melbourne Anglican Men's Society. We thank them all for their generous gifts. Lyndon and Brenda have given their services voluntarily. They have shared in the activities of the parish, and we will miss their fellowship and good humour.

We praise and thank God for the wonderful job Lyndon and Brenda have done. As the Rev. Bob George has commented, "B.C.A. owes a great deal to this couple, although they'd be the last to expect any thanks. These "Angels of the Bush" continue to have a very valuable ministry".



Lyndon and Brenda Peake working at Wilcannia.

N.S.W. supporters gather at Gilbulla

On a magnificent weekend in November, 97 N.S.W. B.C.A. supporters met at "Gilbulla", an hour west of Sydney.

The Chairman of B.C.A., Bishop Harry Goodhew, led three challenging Bible studies. Reading through the assessment sheets following the weekend, these were variously described as "tremendous" and "most inspirational". Not a bad start!

Field staff flew in from Wilcannia (The Collies), Blackwater (Glenn Zimmerle) and Cook (Gai DiDonna). They too made a valuable contribution, reporting on their work and answering a thousand questions over meals and in-between sessions. Participants described these sessions as "excellent" and "informative".

David Bassett (son of Phil and Margaret at Mt. Magnet) and his new fiancee Susan Lock led the young people in some studies on Jonah and provided them with some great activities.

The Saturday evening programme was different! Most came dressed as "Real Australians". We began "B.C.A. Trivial Pursuit" with everyone in teams answering 50 questions based on information found in the "Real Australian" and The B.C.A. Prayer Notes. Bishop Harry's table won!

Everyone then turned their attention to designing a cover for the "Real Australian" or writing a poem, song or limerick, based on the work of B.C.A. The evening was enjoyed by all and one person commented "greatest fun I've had in years".

The singing was great, the service in the log chapel moving and the free time exhausting. New friendships were formed as people chatted over meals and during breaks.

Betty Barber from Blaxland can have the last word: "An informative, encouraging and happy weekend".



Jackie Griffiths and Mildred Turner: long-time friends and long-time B.C.A. supporters.





Photo: David Peacock

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A day in the life of a Diocesan Registrar

Until recently, it would have been a simple matter to tell you how my day starts. Since the family and I became "naturalised" (real Australians!) the other day, however, I have somehow allowed myself to be drawn into the highly popular local pastime of "pulling pots" (for crayfish). This activity sees a significant percentage of the male population here rising at first light in order to raid the sea for as many of these unfortunate creatures as they possibly can. If only they could be as zealous for the souls of men!

In accordance with the notice at our office door, I do not start the day job until 9 am — after delivering our daughter Leila-May to her school that is. The morning is generally taken up with communication of one sort or another either into a dictaphone machine, a telephone or face-to-face. This is invariably very full time with many opportunities to be people-centred as well as task-centred. Lunch is usually eaten on the trot, doing practical chores around the town or attending the odd meeting — including the regular healing service held under the banner of the Order of St. Luke, for whom I am the local convenor. The afternoon tends to be spent opening the mail and then dealing with it in preparation for the next day's communicating. It has become a regular practice for me to spend an hour after the rest of the office staff have left, i.e. between 5 and 6 pm in my "prayer closet". This is the highlight of my day as it affords the opportunity of renewing that relationship which permeates all the others in my life. How can we talk to people about God if we have not talked to God about people?

Having entered the "rest of faith" as it were, I then go to renew the next most important set of relationships in my life — that of my family — over the evening meal. This is the time for us all to catch up with one another before tackling the night job — whether it be household chores or meeting with people. The fact that Kim is also involved in lives of many people through her work as a psychologist means that, between us there is no shortage of ministry opportunities. For example, we are currently helping to run a "Christianity Explained" course (the Scripture Union Christian-basics one) to enable six un-churched people reach a decision as to how they will respond to the claims of the Lord Jesus. One man on this course has really appreciated having the facts laid before him in such a way that he can come to an informed decision.

This involvement with people in the evening (which we jokingly call the night job) often ends up in our having a late night which (in turn) causes us to burn the candle at both ends — especially during the cray season! There certainly never is a dull moment in our lives and, of course, when you have described a typical day, you still haven't said it all: there's a weekly cycle too, with its ebb and flow of activity, not to mention the breaks in routine which come from trips away to Perth or to another part of this vast diocese. Going away is quite an enriching aspect of the work, keeping one's ministry from the desk in touch with the pastoral realities, but I find it takes its toll on energy levels when it comes to settling back into the routine. Par for the course, I suppose, in the life of the Diocesan Registrar.

Martin N. Weatherston

(Martin Weatherston has been the Diocesan Registrar of the Diocese of N.W. Australia since 1985. He is married to Kim. They have two children: Leila May (9) and Caleb (1).

the day they became "Real Australians".

The Weatherstons: photographed at their naturalisation ceremony,



FAREWELL!

* After nearly nine years in the Sydney office, Mrs. Margaret Sadler has retired. Margaret's position involved a variety of tasks, not least of which was that of receptionist.



Mrs. Margaret Sadler.

* Mr. Nick Puttman finished up as Hostel Supervisor at Broken Hill in December. Nick and May have made a valuable contribution to the Hostel Ministry.

* All BCA supporters will be saddened to hear of Margaret Woolcott's resignation on 31 January due to ill health. Margaret has been Secretary to the Federal Secretary for seven years and is also widely known through the Diocese of Svdnev. She has served her Lord faithfully over many years and will be greatly missed in the Sydney office.

We thank God for the ministry of these members of the B.C.A. Family.

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome new personnel to the B.C.A. Team:

* To the Sydney office, we welcome back Mrs. Lav Lee Boughton, who worked in the Sydney office in 1976-1977.

* The new Hostel Supervisor is Mr. David Bull, who with his wife Elisabeth and children Timothy (5) and Sarah (1) moved to Broken Hill in January. The Bulls come from Cambridge Park in Sydney's west. We're glad that Simon and Susan Heath (and Peter) have remained as Assistant Hostel Parents.

★ In taking on the support of the Parish of The Upper Clarence based at Bonalbo, we welcome The Rev. Dick and Mrs. Pat Freeman. (See page

* Sister Christina Ruman of the Church Army, has been seconded to B.C.A. as a nurse at Tarcoola and commenced duties in January.

* Bishop Arthur and Mrs. Colleen Malcolm are being supported this year in their Ministry in Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.

BEREAVEMENTS:

We note the deaths recently of three former B.C.A. staff members.

*The Rev. John Greenwood (Died 1.1.91). Mr Greenwood served with B.C.A. for 18 years, working at Ceduna (1944-1945), Minnipa (1945-1950) before being appointed as NSW Deputation Secretary in 1950. From 1959-1962, he led the work of the Society as Organising Missioner, His leadership will be long remembered by many.

* Mrs. Reg Hawkins Cobar 1921-1925

* Miss Vida Adamthwaite Melbourne office 1956-1963



David and Elisabeth Bull.

B.C.A. ANNUAL MEETINGS

FEDERAL:

DATE:

LOCATION:

Thursday, 23 May at 9.00 am

Ave Maria Retreat House. 6 Wentworth Street,

Point Piper (Sydney)

N.S.W.

DATE: LOCATION: Tuesday, 7 May at 1.30 pm

Level 7, 37 York Street,

Sydney

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

DATE:

Thursday, 23 May at 6.30 pm St. Philip's, York Street, Sydney

LOCATION: SPEAKERS:

Mr. Stan Hummerston,

Rev. Bob Witten

VIC.:

DATE:

Monday, 22 April

6.00 pm: Dinner

8.00 pm: Meeting LOCATION:

St. Barnabas', Balwyn

OLD .:

DATE:

Sunday, 21 April at 6.30 pm

for a Service followed by light

refreshments and Annual Meeting

LOCATION:

St. Andrew's. Lutwuche

S.A.:

DATE:

Monday, 29 April

6.30 pm: Tea

7.30 pm: Meeting

LOCATION:

St. Martin's Anglican Church,

Campbelltown

Cnr. Gorge Road and Lower East

Road, Campbelltown

PRAY FOR OUR FIELD STAFF

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Diocese of Northern Territory - Bishop Clyde Wood.

- 1 Sanderson Rev. Greg and Mrs. Kerry Thompson.
- Palmerston Rev. Ron and Mrs. Margaret Bundy.
- Tennant Creek Rev. Tim and Mrs. Kerrie Brownscombe.
- Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer Mr. David Martin.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Diocese of North West Australia - Bishop Ged Muston.

- Kununurra Rev. Murray and Mrs. Jane Lamont.
- Derby Rev. John and Mrs. Dianne Symons.
- Newman Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Betty-Lou Molyneux.
- Port Hedland Archdeacon Bill and Mrs. Jennifer Warburton.
- South Hedland Rev. Ray and Mrs. Lyn Arthur.
- Karratha Rev. Terry and Mrs. Fiona Redmond.
- Wickham Rev. Allan and Mrs. Julie Harrison.
- Tom Price/Paraburdoo Rev. Brian and Mrs. Joy Harding.
- N.W. Australia: Youth Ministry: Catherine Ross: Counselling Ministry.
- Mt. Magnet (Murchison) Rev. Philip and Mrs Margaret Bassett.
- Diocesan Registrar Mr. Martin Weatherston in Geraldton.

Diocese of Perth — Archbishop Peter Carnley.

Kambalda/Norseman — Rev. Ron and Mrs. Colleen Ross. Hon, B.C.A. Secretary for W.A. - Rev. Peter Brain.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Willochra - Bishop David McCall.

- Coober Pedy Rev. Ian and Mrs. Robin Robertson.
- Roxby Downs and Mid-West Mission Rev. Colin and Mrs. Ruth Nelson.
- Leigh Creek Rev. Peter and Mrs. Margaret Achurch. State Secretary for S.A. — Rev. Bob George, Mrs. Jo Phillips.
- Cook: Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital Sisters Gai DiDonna, Susan Green. Tarcoola Hospital — Sisters Mary-Grace Bingham, Jane Parker, Christina Ryman.

VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

Diocese of Gippsland — Bishop Colin Sheumack.

21 Omeo - Rev. Errol and Mrs. Anne Sorensen. State Secretary for Vic. and Tas. - Rev. Brian Viney, Ms. Margo Bright.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Diocese of Riverina — Bishop Barry Hunter.

22 Broken Hill Hostel — David and Elisabeth Bull, Simon and Susan Heath. Wilcannia - Rev. Bob and Mrs. Phyllis Collie.

Diocese of Armidale — Bishop Peter Chiswell.

23 Lightning Ridge — Rev. Cliff and Mrs. Megan Ainsworth.

Diocese of Grafton — Bishop Bruce Schultz.

- Bonalbo Rev. Dick and Mrs. Pat Freeman.
- State Office Revs. David Mulready and Jim Thomson, Mrs. Michele Peacock,

QUEENSLAND

Diocese of Brisbane - Archbishop Peter Hollingworth.

- Quilpie Rev. Bob and Mrs. Sue Witten.
- State Secretary for Qld. and northern N.S.W. Rev. Ernest Horth.

Diocese of Rockhampton — Bishop George Hearn.

Winton - Rev. Lex and Mrs. Rhonda Carey.

Blackwater — Rev. Glen and Mrs. Kaye Zimmerle.

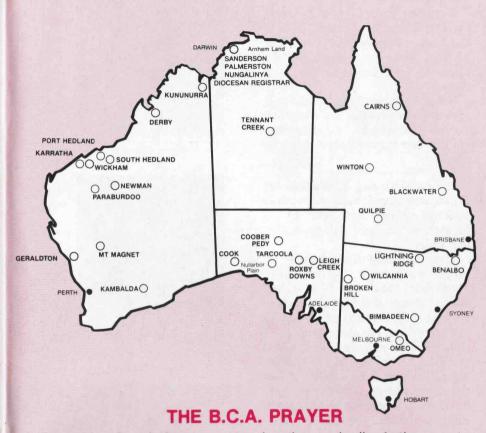
ABORIGINAL MINISTRY

Cairns, Townsville, Mackay: Bishop Arthur Malcolm. Nungalinya College - Principal: Rev. Dr. Les Brockway. Bimbadeen College — Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Maureen Atkinson.

B.C.A. HEAD OFFICE

Rev. Ernie Carnaby, Mr. Jim Gosbee, Mesdames Jacqueline Griffiths, Lay Lee Boughton.

WINNING AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST



O Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through healing, through service and by caring for the young, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed, and accepted by the people throughout our land. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Pray for the children of our field staff

James (7) and Rebecca (5) Lamont have lived with their parents (Murray and Jane) in Kununurra for four years.

James is in Year 2. He enjoys reading and loves the Remote Control Car Club and plays with Lego. For the past two years James has won prizes for his Lego as the local show.

Rebecca began school this year after attending Kinder two-and-a-half days a week last year. She loves playing with her Barbie dolls and enjoys dancing.

James (10) and Katherine (9) Thompson have lived with their parents (Greg and Kerry) in Sanderson (Darwin) for two-and-ahalf years.

They introduce themselves!

My name in James Alan Thompson. My school is called Malak Primary and I am in Grade 6. My best sport is tennis but I also like to play cricket. I'm also interested in computers, Lego, mini-micros, board games and Star-Wars men. I like collecting spoons, things made out of china and stickers. I like doing projects and collecting history. I also like camping and going on holidays, reading books and watching TV.

Hello, my name is Katherine Anne. Mum named me after Anne of Green Gables. I am 9 years old. I got a guinea pig named "Twitch" about three months ago and it's nearly full grown. I like drawing and painting a lot. I also love animals. I am having a good time at school. I go to Malak Primary and I'm in Grade 5. I like collecting stickers and I am saving up for oil paints.



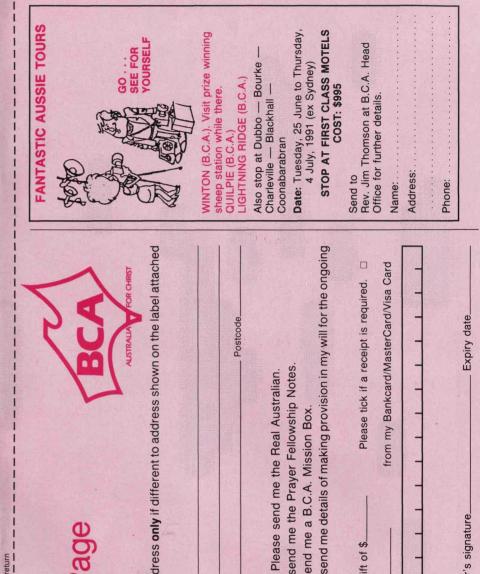
James Lamont.



Rebecca Lamont.



James and Katherine Thompson.





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