

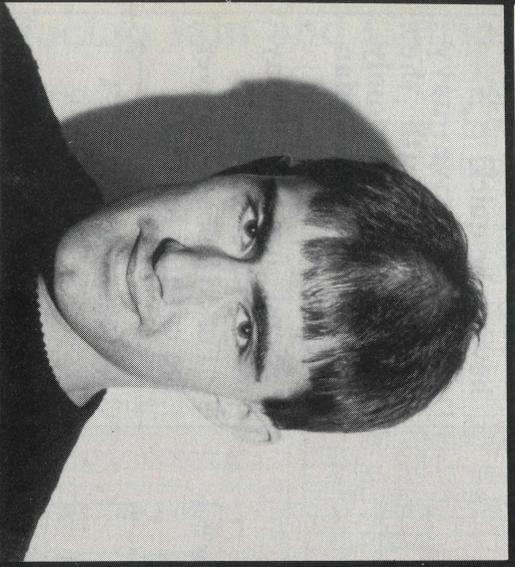
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Keith Nolan (above) has settled back into Sanderson (Darwin) where he's enjoying Youth Ministry.

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FRONT COVER:

From the B.C.A. archives! Mr. Clem Kirkby (Son of the first Organising Missioner) unearthed this terrific photo of his dad with a group of Aborigines in the early 20s.

“Renovator’s delight”

The appearance of the words “Renovator’s delight” in a real estate advertisement conjures up images in one’s mind. If one was to advertise St. Stephen’s as a spiritual home then some of those images may be appropriate. God, the master builder has sent us here to rebuild.

So what have we found here? Over the past eight years attendance has dropped to that of the infant parish in 1970. Perhaps even more significant is that transfers and retirements have taken their toll on the lay leadership in this spiritual home. Therefore before much can be done on giving other aspects of this church a new lease of life, work needs to be done on the foundations.

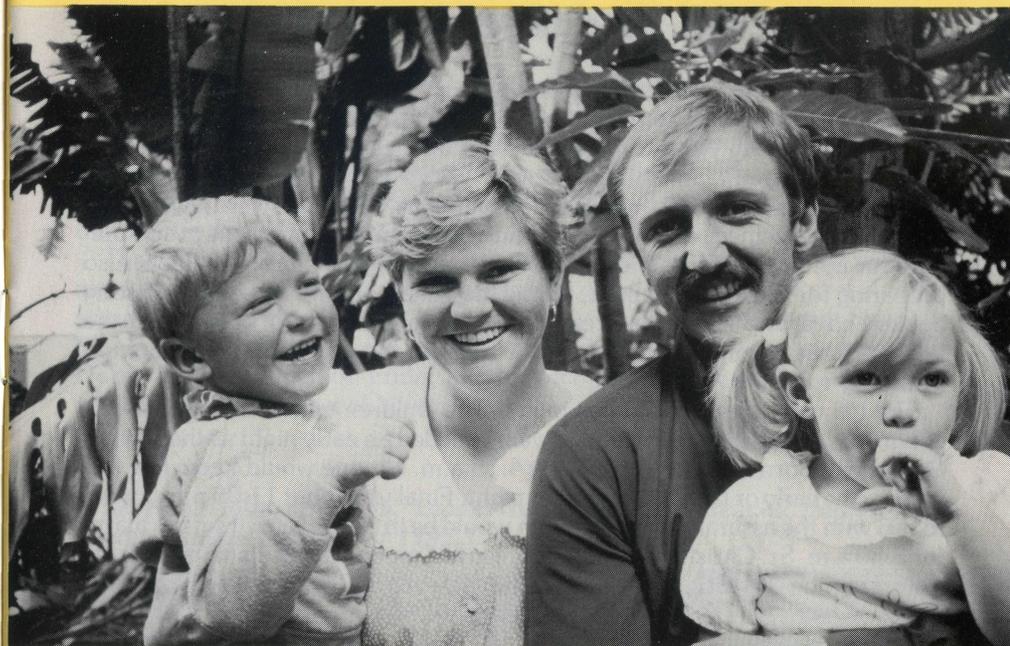
Despite appearances it is still a spiritual home and one set in a place of contrasts. The real estate salesman would of course focus on the spectacular Blackwater Tablelands, sprinkled with tranquil waterfalls and refreshing waterholes and the cheerful spirits of the holiday makers.

By contrast there are the dry sandy creek beds, the escarpments of the open-cut mines and the struggles of the retrenched and unemployed. Hard, too, is seeing the dreams of a family shattered when burying their baby.

But we do not lose heart. We find people searching and some are indeed close to the Kingdom of God. Such contrasts provide a rich experience of life and a good setting to rebuild a spiritual home.

Pray that God will provide the foundations that are needed.

PETER BLUNDELL
Blackwater



The Blundells: Jeanette and Peter, James (4) and Megan (2). Peter was appointed Rector of Blackwater in January 1992.



The Blackwater Rectory.

All in a week's work

I left in no hurry just after lunch on Tuesday. The service was scheduled for Thursday night so I had plenty of time. At 5.30 p.m. I arrived at Tarcoola hospital and met Barry Watts, the new nurse at the hospital, and his wife Denise, with their children Hannah and Daniel. "We've had to move the service to tonight, there's a farewell organised for Thursday." Services were always preceded by a combined tea, so I knew I had only half an hour to settle in and prepare for the service. That meant not only preparing a children's talk but also preparing for the Lord's Supper, tuning the guitar, organising songs and song books and providing a Bible reading for the children who would read the lessons. I had planned to do this in the train on the way back from Cook on Thursday morning.

The tea was great, the service joyful. The children who made up half the congregation listened and joined in well. I needed an early night as the train to Cook next morning came in at about 4.15 a.m. No one would know if it was going to be early or late until later that night. Finally at about 11.00 p.m. I went to bed with the assurance that the train would be in at 4.40 a.m. I set the alarm for 3.30 a.m. Sr. Christina Ryman was also at Tarcoola and catching the same train. I prayed that God would wake me in time. At 3.40 a.m. I woke up. I have no idea whether the alarm went off or not. By 4.30 a.m. we had left Tarcoola. I dozed reasonably well on the Indian Pacific. Breakfast was at 7.45 a.m. By 10.30 a.m. we were at Cook.

Everyone on the train got off at Cook and many flocked to the kiosk to buy souvenirs of this small but important town in the middle of nowhere. Sr. Gai DiDonna was serving in the kiosk as the proceeds were directed to both the school and the hospital. We waited until the crowds had gone, the money counted and the kiosk closed down. It was after 11.00 a.m. before we were sitting, chatting and half dozing over a cup of coffee in the hospital kitchen. R.I. was planned for straight after lunch. I knew also that I had to catch the station supervisor in order to purchase my return ticket.

R.I. went well, we joked, told stories, sang songs about Jesus. I hope that the children look forward to the few times I am able to make it, and feel that Jesus is a living person worth knowing. Later that afternoon, Christina and I visited a lady who wanted to talk about baptism for her baby. Preparation followed for the service and tea that night. Could I use the same talk as Tarcoola? No. A new one was called for.

No bed until we could find out exactly when the goods train with a passenger carriage, was due. It was again 11.00 p.m. when I got to bed knowing that someone from the station would call an hour before the train was due. It was 1.10 a.m. when the phone rang and a few minutes later, Sr. Gai knocked on my door telling me that the train was due at 2.20 a.m. So up again, breakfast (there is none provided on a goods train) and down to the station. The train was just pulling in. Clamber up through the guard's van, and into the carriage. Arrange the seats and curl up to try and sleep again At 3.30 a.m. the train left Cook. I dozed till a little after 6.00 a.m. but missed the sunrise because a fog

had spread over the countryside; an ideal opportunity, though, to get some work done!

At 10.30 a.m. the train pulled into the station and I made my way back to the Tarcoola hospital. Again R.I. was scheduled for after lunch, and again the time was filled with stories and songs. After school, a lady wanted to talk about getting married. The husband-to-be was away with the gang on the railway. The wedding would need to be in the four days out of fourteen he was home so that he would not lose any work.

That evening, a farewell to a railway worker and his family who were moving to another centre. The barbecue was a great opportunity to relax with some locals and chat. At last, a full night's sleep, a not-so-early rise then off home again, perhaps to call in for a cuppa on a property on the way out. Home again for lunch on Friday and to catch up with the week's work I had left behind. **All in a week's work!**

JOHN RUTHERFORD

Roxby Downs/Trans Line Mission

(The Rev. John and Mrs. Leone Rutherford commenced ministry in Roxby Downs in January 1992.)



John and Leone Rutherford and, L. to R., Nigel (13), Emily (8), Kathryn (15), Narelle (10).

Bimbadeen

Planted spaciouly on the top of a hill overlooking the Riverina town of Cootamundra lies Bimbadeen College.

Bimbadeen, a ministry training arm of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship of Australia, caters for two and three year courses in Biblical Studies. The old brick buildings on 35 acres along with its 880 additional acres provide a beautiful setting for the college and its farming activities. While students enjoy daily teachings in God's Word by staff and visiting lecturers, the magnificent land adjacent boasts sheep, cattle and grain-growing areas. Vegetables and daily milk supplies add to the college provisions giving staff and students alike challenging opportunities for a viable self-help programme.

Because of the nature of the college's biblical programme, there has been no government financial assistance forthcoming to support this ministry. Staff and students alike are totally supported through the generosity of the Lord's people and rely on God to provide all of their needs. The last few years have seen tremendous results of faith as God has proved Himself in individual lives and in the corporate life of the college. Two married units have been built and furnished (funded by B.C.A.) along with a complete reroof of the entire college buildings. These projects are of great cost and for each one a story of faith as we experience God's mighty hand at work.

In the last 12 months, two small

diesel buses have been added to the college's already wide range of vehicles and farm machinery, allowing college personnel to develop ministry further afield as deputation meetings, conventions, and other opportunities afford. A complete renovation of the college kitchen occurred this year with the tremendous assistance of Mobile Mission Maintenance.

Proposed projects in the latter half of the year will involve an ablution block and extensions to the married quarters. While provisions of food, materials for buildings and programmes continue to allow areas for the working out of miracles, the greatest miracles of all occur in the lives of young Aboriginals touched by the hand of God, and transformed by the wonder working power of His Holy Spirit! It is God who creates life and turns wrecked lives of sin into something beautiful for Himself.

Would you pray for the students of the college as they study and learn under God's guidance. Many come from backgrounds where discipline and order are not enjoyed and need the encouragement of brothers and sisters in the Lord to pray and support them in their studies.

LINDSAY JACQUES
College Administrator

(B.C.A. has contributed to the Ministry at Bimbadeen since it commenced in 1979. Our budget includes \$16,000 for the college this year.)



Third year student: Miss Frances Nicholson.



Second year student: Mr Mark Naden (married to Alex. Children: Amy, Sarah, Janice and Cecily).

From the new Federal Secretary . . .

On two occasions as I was about to leave the parish of West Pymble (Sydney Diocese) I was reminded of the importance and far reaching nature of B.C.A.'s ministry to which we were returning.

It was a cool evening in Sydney, and I was among a group present for the conferring of theological certificates and diplomas. A young man made his way to the front of the auditorium. On receiving his certificate he turned to his family and smiled, the satisfaction and achievement was so obvious. As an adolescent christian from a non-conformist church he moved to Zeehan on Tasmania's west coast where he worked as a storeman. There he linked with St. Luke's, a B.C.A. supported ministry during my time as missionary. Because of his thirst to know about the Bible I encouraged him to start a correspondence course in theology.

Now some ten years later a much more mature christian has emerged. He admitted in those years life had been tough and then he'd often felt like giving up his studies, but he didn't. He pressed on, keen to know more of his faith and his Lord. The amazing thing was that he had encouraged his pastor back home and two of his friends to enrol in the same course of study to find out more of the truth of the gospel and its application for them. I was reminded that this sort of ministry that B.C.A. initiates has on-going benefits.

It was a week later, in a sermon my catechist quoted a past B.C.A. missionary, Leon Morris, and again my attention was drawn to the importance and relevance of the task we, as supporters and workers in B.C.A. are involved in. Leon's words were **"Christ's saving work is not a piece of emotional pageantry rescuing men from nothing in particular"**. Making the point that each person's response to the great truths of christianity is so important, for it determines each one's ultimate destiny.

The far reaching results of B.C.A.'s work in the remote church cannot be known in full. However, the telling of the truth of the gospel in a way so that men and women, girls and boys, will be won for Him and nurtured to christian maturity is of greatest importance in our ministry.

Both Denyse and I are so happy to be back and look forward to be able to serve our Lord with you in this great ministry.

Regards,
Brian.

Dr. Leon Morris was with B.C.A. at Minnipa from 1940-45.

The quote was from his book "The Cross in the New Testament Paternoster": page 274.

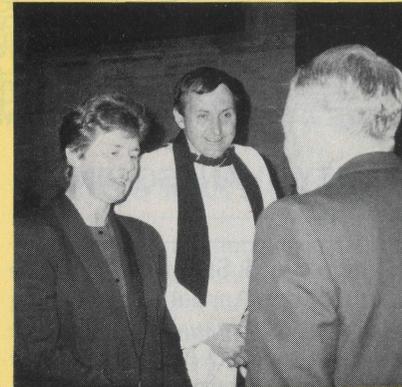


Photo Parade from Commissioning Service

The Rev. Brian Roberts was commissioned as Federal Secretary at St. Andrew's Cathedral on 16th July by Archbishop Donald Robinson, President of B.C.A. The preacher was B.C.A.'s Chairman, Bishop Harry Goodhew.

Top left: Denyse and Brian greet the Rev. Brian Black.

Middle: Brian Responds to the speeches of welcome.

Bottom: Brian (with Denyse in background) beside Bishop Goodhew greets long time friend and previous B.C.A. staff member, Vivian Bentley.



WARBURTONS MOVE ON!

After 4 years service in the Port Hedland Parish, Bill and Jennifer have moved to Geraldton where Bill has taken up the position of Dean of The Cathedral. They've made a great contribution in the Pilbara. We trust that the B.C.A. family will continue to uphold Bill and Jennifer in prayer in their new role.

OLDIES VIDEO!

"I'd do it all again!" That's the title of a new video programme produced by B.C.A. Previous staff speak openly and frankly about their time "outback". The video features: the Rev. Don and Mrs Libby Wilson, Miss Carol Allen, the Rev. Reg and Mrs. Iris Langshaw and the Rev. Brian Black.

Ring your B.C.A. office to borrow the video.

SYDNEY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Philip's York Street was again the venue for our Annual Thanksgiving Service on 28th May. The rector, the Rev. John Jones, O.A., preached, the Rev. Cliff Ainsworth spoke of his 7-year ministry at Lightning Ridge and the Hon. Sec. for Western Australia, the Rev. Peter Brain spoke of B.C.A.'s work in that State. The St. Alban's Singers contributed three songs. It was great to have this talented group of committed young people with us again.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Randall Taylor was born in June. Congratulations to Mark and Lucy at Lightning Ridge.

MERYL & MARY-GRACE:

The ongoing relationship of B.C.A. with Ceduna continues. Former B.C.A. nurses Meryl Burden and Mary-Grace Bingham are now working at Murat Bay District Hospital, Ceduna. Meryl and husband Mark are now living at Ceduna, having left "Commonwealth Hill" Station. They will build on a block of land just out of town. Mary-Grace is also employed at the hospital in the senior position of Clinical Nurse Consultant.

WHAT'S THE ENVELOPE FOR?

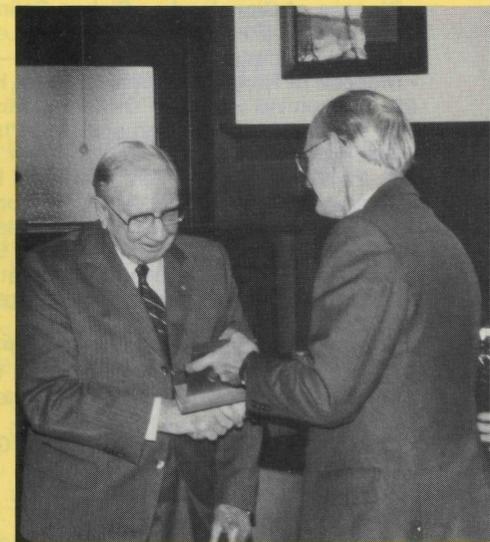
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PLEASE PRAY!**

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CHANGES

Mr. Ritchie Stokes, O.A.M., stood aside as Vice President of B.C.A. at our A.G.M. on 28th May, after serving for a period of 10 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have been supporting our work for over 60 years. Mr. Stokes served as Treasurer for 20 years (1962-1982) and Mrs. Stokes as Treasurer of the Sydney Auxiliary for 25 years. Archbishop Donald Robinson as President of B.C.A., thanked Mr. Stokes for his long and committed ministry and presented him with a plaque commemorating his part in winning Australia for Christ.

Mr. Ray Ctercteko, Hon. Treasurer of B.C.A. since 1982 was elected as Vice President to succeed Mr. Stokes.



Archbishop Robinson presents Mr. Stokes with his plaque.

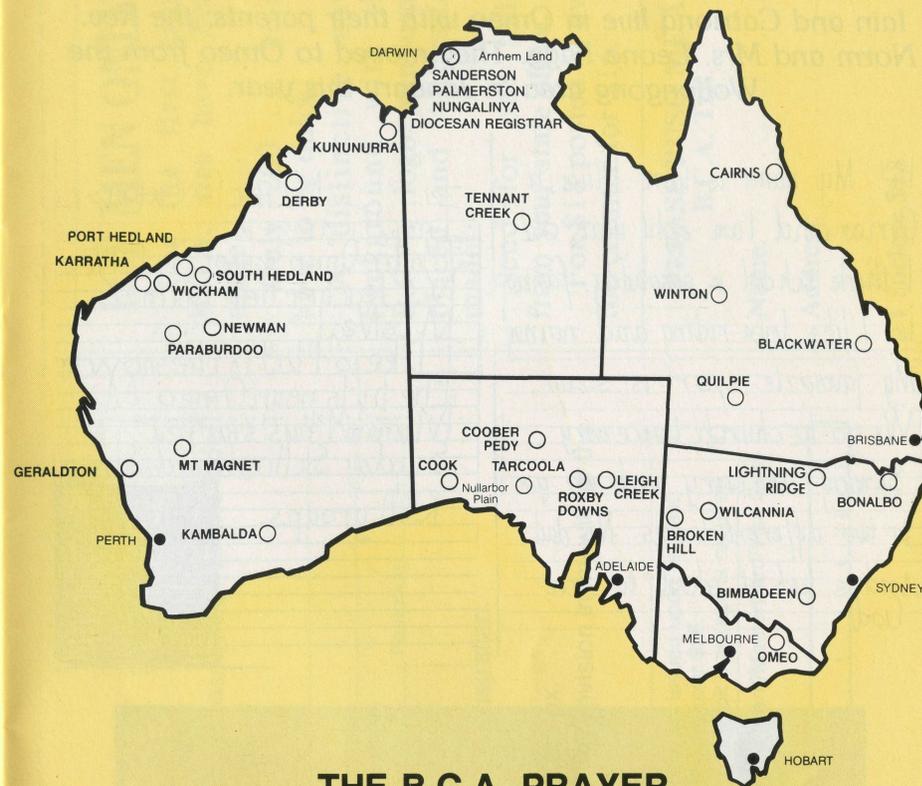


The cast of "I'd Do It All Again", L. to R., Don and Libby Wilson, Carol Allen, Iris and Reg Langshaw. (Absent: Brian Black.)

PRAY FOR OUR FIELD STAFF

- **Diocese of Northern Territory — Bishop Richard Appleby**
 - 1 Sanderson — Rev. Greg and Mrs. Kerry Thompson and Mr. Keith Nolan.
 - 2 Palmerston — Rev. Ron and Mrs. Margaret Bundy.
 - 3 Tennant Creek — Locum: Rev. Blair Grace.
 - 4 Diocesan Secretary/Treasurer — Mr. David Martin.
- **Diocese of North West Australia — Bishop Tony Nichols.**
 - 5 Kununurra — Rev. John and Mrs. Dianne Symons.
 - 6 Derby — Rev. Jon and Mrs. Rae Reinertsen.
 - 7 Newman — Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Betty Lou Molyneux.
 - 8 Port Hedland — Vacant.
 - 9 South Hedland — Rev. Ray and Mrs. Lyn Arthur.
 - 10 Karratha — Rev. Terry and Mrs. Fiona Redmond.
 - 11 Wickham — Rev. Allan and Mrs. Julie Harrison.
 - 12 Tom Price/Paraburdoo — Rev. Brian and Mrs. Joy Harding.
 - 13 N.W. Australia: Youth Ministry: Catherine Ross; Counselling Ministry: Neil Hamilton.
 - 14 Mt. Magnet (Murchison) — Rev. Philip and Mrs. Margaret Bassett.
 - 15 Diocesan Registrar — Mrs. Kay Winfield in Geraldton.
- **Diocese of Perth — Archbishop Peter Carnley.**
 - 16 Kambalda/Norseman — Rev. Ron and Mrs. Colleen Ross.
Hon. B.C.A. Secretary for W.A. — Rev. Peter Brain.
- **Diocese of Willochra — Bishop David McCall.**
 - 17 Coober Pedy — Rev. Ian and Mrs. Robin Robertson.
 - 18 Roxby Downs and Mid-West Mission — Rev. John and Mrs. Leone Rutherford.
 - 19 Leigh Creek — Rev. Peter and Mrs. Margaret Achurch.
State Secretary for S.A. — Rev. Bob George, Mrs. Jo Phillips.
 - 20 Cook: Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital — Gai DiDonna and Christina Ryman.
Tarcoola Hospital — Barry (and Denise) Watts, Wendy (and Ford) McDonald.
- **Diocese of Gippsland — Bishop Colin Sheumack.**
 - 21 Omeo — Rev. Norman and Mrs. Leonie Fagg.
State Secretary for Vic. and Tas. — Rev. Brian Viney, Ms. Margo Bright.
- **Diocese of Riverina — Bishop Barry Hunter.**
 - 22 Broken Hill Hostel — David and Elisabeth Bull, Shane and Suzanne Morrow.
Wilcannia — Rev. Bob and Mrs. Phyllis Collie.
- **Diocese of Armidale — Bishop Peter Chiswell.**
 - 23 Lightning Ridge — Rev. Mark and Mrs. Lucy Taylor.
- **Diocese of Carpentaria — Bishop Tony Hall Matthews.**
 - 23 Diocesan Registrar — Mr. John Bleakley.
- **Diocese of Grafton — Bishop Bruce Schultz.**
 - 24 Bonalbo — Rev. Dick and Mrs. Pat Freeman.
 - 25 State Office — Revs. David Mulready and Jim Thomson. Mrs. Michele Peacock.
- **Diocese of Brisbane — Archbishop Peter Hollingworth.**
 - 26 Quilpie — Rev. Bob and Mrs. Sue Witten.
 - 27 State Secretary for Qld. and northern N.S.W. Rev. Ernest Horth, Mrs. Elaine Kuri.
- **Diocese of Rockhampton — Bishop George Hearn.**
 - 28 Winton — Vacant.
Blackwater — Rev. Peter and Mrs. Jeanette Blundell.
- 29 **ABORIGINAL MINISTRY:**
 - Bishop Arthur and Mrs. Colleen Malcolm — Cairns, Townsville and Mackay.
 - Nungalinya College — Principal: Rev. Dr. Les Brockway.
 - Bimbadeen College — Mr. Denis and Mrs. Maureen Atkinson.
- 30 **B.C.A. FEDERAL OFFICE:** Rev. Brian Roberts, Mr. Jim Gosbee, Mesdames Jacqueline Griffiths, Lay Lee Boughton and Eileen Darbin.

WINNING AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST



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 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 medical work, 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.

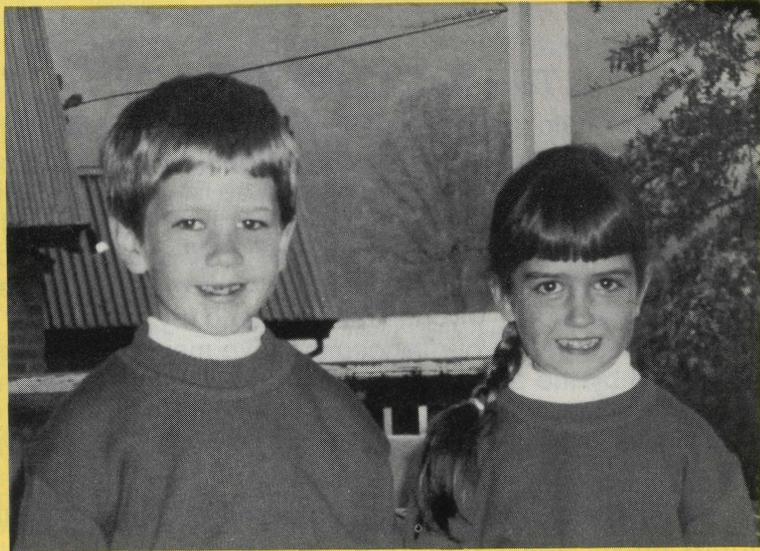
*If you'd like more details for prayer, send for our FREE quarterly prayer notes. (See reply page.)

Introducing Iain and Catriona Fagg

Iain and Catriona live in Omeo with their parents: the Rev. Norm and Mrs. Leone Fagg. They moved to Omeo from the Wollongong area in January this year.

Hi! My name is Iain. I live in Omeo and I am eight years old. I think school is absolutely fantastic! I like bike-riding and running. My favourite sport is soccer. We go to church twice every Sunday and every week we go to two different towns. My dad teaches kids at school to love God.

Iain and Catriona
 I'm 8 years old
 I go to Omeo school. I like
 Mr. Teacher. Her name is
 Mrs. Veal.
 I like to play in the snow in
 the hills near Omeo. My
 Mummy has started
 Sunday School and some
 R.Y.B. groups.



Iain (7) and Catriona (5) Fagg.

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