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IT'S SNOWING

I arrived at the weekly Bible Study near Tunnack in the Southern Midlands and there was no hint of snow. After ten minutes in the house it started snowing and by the time I left 90 minutes later the whole landscape was white. Thanks to the four wheel drive, I was able to make it home. The police and SES were rescuing stranded motorists in two wheel drives. The two families who attend the study only live five minutes apart, so they were okay. We had just begun a new study book on James and the lesson was on joy in trials. I must say it was easy to find joy in this trial as the blanketed countryside was so beautiful, even though the roads were treacherous. Phil, Sabine, Rick and Lesley send greetings. Sabine and Lesley are photographed waving to you on the verandah. I wonder if Rev. John Flynn, founder of the Inland Mission, ever imagined a scene like this for one of his patrollers, as opposed to heat and red dust?



PRAYER and PRAISE

Praise God for: safe travels on the road and for a reliable vehicle, freedom to be on the road again after the Covid lock down, for opportunities to share the Good News, for isolated Christians who are being encouraged, for deepening relationships and the building of trust, for faithful prayer and financial supporters.

Pray for: open hearts to the Gospel message, wisdom in conversations, continued opportunities to represent PIM in churches, growing support, fruitful services at Stanley and Kirklands Presbyterian churches.

Covid: Let us continue to uphold Australia in this difficult year, especially Victoria.

ON PATROL

Since patrolling again after the initial nationwide Covid lockdown, I have been greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic welcome I have received from 'regulars'; both Christian believers and self confessed non church goers. It is such a privilege to sit in someone's home and have a deep conversation about Coronavirus, life, family and whenever possible, the Gospel. I am deeply moved when avowed atheists with huge smiles firmly hug me and declare their pleasure in my visits. My prayer is that these dear people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. This is what drives me (pardon the pun) to be a part of their life; to show them God's love, to show my genuine interest in their story and to reveal to them the greatest gift they can ever receive.

Even though the 'regulars' keep me busy, God still enables some new contacts. Whenever this happens, I am blessed as there is a new opportunity for someone to have a Christian believer in their life and to hear about Jesus.

At times I am able to help people out with jobs like delivering groceries, picking up mail, transport, feeding livestock, chopping wood and removing rubbish to the tip. As well as visiting and practical help, services at Stanley and Kirklands have recommenced and presenting for PIM and preaching in other churches around the state is also in full operation.

Top: Tassie farm scene - regulars I visit.

Middle: Preparing an early start on a cold, wet winter's day.

Bottom: Helping take away rubbish on a farm property.



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Thanks so much to all the faithful supporters of the Tasmania Patrol. Your prayers, love and kindness enable me to stay on those country roads. It is so important that we keep Christian ministry in our rural and isolated regions. If you would like to become a supporter, please visit the Tasmania Patrol page at www.pim.org.au, or contact me using the details displayed below.



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