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Tasmania Patrol

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PRAISE

- A growing number of 'regulars'
- The opportunities to visit churches
- Support of churches & their mission groups
- Opportunities to share the Gospel

PRAYER

- Safe travel in the 4WD
- For openness to the Good News
- Wisdom in caring and sharing for rural folk
- More financial supporters to enable this vital work

Keeping Busy

Life in the country may appear lay back, however a combination of deputiation work, preaching at Stanley, Kirklands and other Presbyterian churches, visiting 'regulars', trying to establish new relationships, looking after the 4WD, writing newsletters and attending various meetings, means life in the country is keeping Kim busy.

2018 saw Kim plan 23 services, prepare 26 new sermons and preach 35 times. Patrol in the North and South Midlands grew to over 30 'regulars'. This may range from a fortnightly visit through to three visits a year. These relationships vary from a growing phase through to firm friendship.

The aim of the Presbyterian Inland Mission is to establish meaningful relationships in order to have a positive Christian input into the lives of rural and remote Australians. We work hard to do as much as we can in encouraging isolated Christians and sharing the Good News. With a decline in rural churches across our country landscape, the work of the Patrol Padre is becoming increasingly necessary. *Thanks to the wonderful Christians who pray for Kim and the Tasmania Patrol.*



Morning tea at a farm shed.



Helping a farmer move sheep.



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WORTH DRIVING FOR

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Generous churches and individuals make the work of PIM possible. There is considerable cost to keep a patrol padre on the road. The Tasmania Patrol is seeking financial supporters who wish to partner with Kim in taking Christian care and the message of Jesus to fellow Aussies who live in the bush.

Regular monthly support or one off gifts for the Tasmania Patrol can be made by visiting the PIM website and going to the *Tasmania Patrol* page. Or alternatively contact Kim by phone or email. *(If you choose to give via the website, please send Kim an email so he can acknowledge your partnership in this vital ministry).* Thanks so much to those already giving!

‘Welcome Back’

There were days when Kim first started calling on rural properties that he thought it wouldn't work, that no one would want him to come back to visit a second time. Maybe no one wanted a patrol padre in the Tasmanian bush?

Yet 20 months on, he can see how God has been at work. Recently, having returned from annual leave, Kim has been heartily welcomed by some of his 'regulars'. One couple both

hugged him and said they had been waiting for him to come back. On another visit, the family were outside and the young boy ran across the yard and leapt a whole metre into Kim's arms. Another visit, planned for an hour ended up being three and a half hours as the farmers were keen to talk about a stressful summer.

The joy in all this is knowing that Christian care and witness is really needed in



rural Tasmania. So please be encouraged as you pray and give. Your help is making a difference!

