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Our Sovereign Lord

“Jesus...rules every territory”

“Sovereign Land Keep Out.” The bold black letters painted on white cloth stretched across the unlocked doublewide cyclone fence gate guarding the road into Aboriginal camps. Our Fijian host, Fr. Raas, spun the steering wheel, pulled off the hard-packed dirt highway and the vehicle dipped and climbed onto the side road. The snorkel exhaust pipe on our Land Rover equipped us for any weather. The wild beauty of the stark landscape also had a treacherous side. “People die in accidents out here,” he said. Vehicles overtake, resulting in head on

collisions. Without cell phone service or emergency stations, no one reaches them in time. The BfP Team arrived intending to reach out with Holy Spirit power in God’s time to save lives and save souls.

Tim, Sally, Ed, and myself flew into Alice Springs, Northern Territory at Pastor Raas’s invitation. Our B4P book, “Spiritual Secrets About Suicide” came to his attention and he recognized God’s had in the pages. **Young Aboriginal Australians are four times more likely to commit suicide than non-indigenous Australians and in one communi-**

ty the Aboriginal suicide rate is estimated to be seven times the national average. The local church asked B4P to help.

Alice Springs is a surprising cross-road in the middle of the desert. We ministered to people from China, Philippines, India, Fiji, Vietnam, and America, as well as Aboriginal people. We met people who relocated to Alice Springs to work at the American base in the area.

A lady from Missouri said, “Since I moved to Alice Springs, I’ve become

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depressed. I don't even know if I want to go on. It feels dark. People believe in so many different gods here, plus all the Aboriginal spirits. Then in town you have the new age system. **On the American base, many people worship their intellects. They don't even believe in God and laugh at me for my beliefs. I feel like saying, 'Get behind me Satan.'**" "That would not be inappropriate," I said. She was relieved as we spoke the truth about the spiritual realm. We provided her with B4P books and CDs to help her understand the spiritual conflict she sensed.

People responded to the B4P message and came to the many healing services we offered. **One lady had suffered intestinal blockage for three months. She struggled on a daily basis and feared the additional surgery on the horizon. The day after prayer, her husband testified with tears that she had been healed by God! Another testified to a healed knee problem the doctor said would require surgery. Arthritis, body pains, etc. all healed by Jesus.** B4P went to Aboriginal

camp to minister to those who had not come to our services.

Fr. Raas held keys to all the camp gates. He pointed through the wind-shield to a large mound as we entered one community. A cross stood upright in the dirt, a terra cotta heart rested at the wooden base. "The people built this chapel with their own hands. A drunk burned it down." The camp was littered with dead cars, their windows smashed, the bodies dented. **"Some people believe evil spirits cause the car to stop working. They smash the car to deal a blow to bad spirits."**

The camp had no electricity. Women and children sat below plastic tarps pieced together to form a shade. A man parked a car close to the shelter, the front door hung open, music blared from the radio. Fr. Raas asked, "How are you?" They nodded, mumbled a greeting. "These are my friends...they came to pray for you." The needs ranged from personal health and provision, to the future of an orphaned toddler sitting beneath the tarp. We prayed with trust in Jesus and His unlimited power.

Cruising slowly through another camp, Fr. Raas explained the large room made of cyclone fence ceiling

and walls and attached to a small building. **"This is a refuge. In a case of domestic violence a woman runs here with her children and locks herself in. The man cannot follow."**

Rounding a corner we saw women sitting on a tarp on the dirt. A woman strung beads, creating necklaces for sale. Others painted in the famous Aboriginal style, forming images with colored dots. Magdala's left hand was clenched in a fist. The bone of her left arm was at odd angles with her elbow. She forced her brush into the center of her closed fingers while rearranging her canvas with her functioning hand. "What happened to your arm?" I asked as I knelt beside her to pray. "My old partner," she murmured.

Jesus knows Magdala's need, the abuse she suffered and the consequences of violence that she bears. I can't assess what Magdala received, but Jesus sent B4P to assure her of His great love. **A gate has never been built that can keep out the power of God's grace. He is the key to peace. Jesus our Sovereign rules every territory with mercy and love.**

—Annette



Freedom through Forgiveness

As usual Annette spoke with Holy Spirit Inspiration. **Many ministers talk about forgiveness but do not explain how to forgive.** After all, how can we forgive those who have abused us, stolen our innocence or our livelihood, destroyed our relationships, betrayed us or introduced us to all manner of evil? Yet Annette led people through those very things. It is one thing to remind us that Jesus said we must forgive 'seventy times seven times' (Matthew 18:22) and to 'love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you' (Matthew 5:44), but who of us has the skills or the faith to do that without guidance?

Annette explained that unforgiveness damages us, not those that we cannot forgive; denies us the fullness of life that Jesus wanted for us when He died for our sins; impairs *our* spiritual progress and *our* mental and physical health. She showed us **that forgiveness is not an emotion but rather it begins with an intellectual decision.**

Forgiveness does not initially take away the pain nor erase the memory of the hurt, but it does begin our inner healing as once we 'decide' to

forgive, it gives God a chance to begin the healing that we need. **The first step is hard but simple: "I choose now to forgive ____ for the action that caused so much hurt and suffering in my life."**

She gave examples of people whose physical or mental health improved once they forgave, of people who spoke of the freedom they felt once they forgave.

In the prayer ministry after her talk, a person who had really given up on life made a decision to forgive a spouse whose serial cheating had damaged not only the marriage but the children as well. The spouse had never apologized for the behaviour nor made any attempt to change. We must realize that our decisions about relationships still have to be made regardless of where the relationship is. That person made no plans that night to change the status of the relationship but simply to forgive so that their own life might improve. This person had struggled for years, but with prayer support was able to say aloud, "I choose to forgive." Don't think that it was an easy decision to make, there were tears and fears.

While listening to Annette talk, **an older man there who had grown up with a drunk and abusive father realized that he had never forgiven his dad.** The dad had often flogged his children when drunk. Christmas for them was a nightmare because we have from 2-4 days of Christmas holidays in Australia and he would be drinking the whole time. It was a time of trying to keep out of his way to avoid flogging, scared of saying or doing the wrong thing. His abuses were many and varied. He commented once that 'with a bit of luck' two of his children would be killed in a car accident as they returned from a nearby town. **The man wondered whether it was worth forgiving him as the dad had been dead for 30 years, but then he heard Annette say that unforgiveness was like an arrow lodged in your heart, so he made the decision then to forgive his father. He told us he experienced a real sense of peace when he was able to do this.**

Annette's talk was truly powerful.

—Deidre Herring NSW, Australia



Bega Outreach

Australia is experiencing the worst drought in recent history. As we approached Bega our eyes were greeted with lush green rolling hills and a refreshed landscape. **The area had received recent rain and the landscape was joyously refreshed—a sign of things to come as BfP arrived to refresh souls.**

God spoke to some of the team about the capabilities of helicopters on the way to Bega. As God would have it, during our prayerful research we passed a replica helicopter being used as a roadside mailbox to let us know we were on the right track!

A few of the people who came for ministry had been bound by demonic power that did not want to let go: a woman who struggled with alcoholism and had not been dry in 12 years, and a young man who had used a cocktail of drugs for over a decade. Various others suffering from depression and anxiety were also delivered. None escaped the transforming love of God.

The BfP military helicopters came in unnoticed by the demonic realm. No runway was used. We maneuvered in, performed the rescue, equipped, and maneuvered out.

We found out afterward that members of the outside team had prayed before our arrival in Bega. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the team prayed into our need before it arose. **Afflicting spirits of alcoholism, drugs, depression, oppression, and suicide suddenly found themselves in the firing line and wanted to escape, but it was too late for them.**

Annette encouraged active participation in praying for each other, demonstrating spinal ministry etc. This was valuable time allowed for people to ask questions and see firsthand, **powerful demonstrations of God's healing power released.**

One night Annette sang an African song: "Things are getting better, things are getting better! When the Lord is on the throne, things already better, things already better, things already better".

What do we have on the throne?
Pridefulness dethroned.
Worthlessness dethroned.

The only measure of success is obedience to Jesus Christ.

—Bega, NSW Australia



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