



Frontier Services
serving remote Australia

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Glen Waverley Uniting Church
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Dear Friends In Christ,

On behalf of all the people we serve across Australia, Frontier Services' extends our sincere thanks for your generous \$2,600 donation and your fidelity to our mission to the Inland. I enclose a tax receipt for your records.

I know your donation represents the efforts of many in planning and running your annual fete, of which Frontier Services was a beneficiary. You pledged your money to our project of upgrading our plane in the Centralia Patrol. It was therefore a delight that Rev Colin Gordon, our Patrol Minister and flying padre from Alice Springs was able to be at the services at Glen Waverley Uniting on Sunday 26 October to thank you personally and describe in words and images his ministry.

In a literal sense your donation keeps Rev Colin's plane airborne; in the larger mission Glen Waverley's contribution carries us forward - it is fuel into the tanks of the vehicles that carry our padres, nurses and family services teams to bring health, cheer and companionship to people scattered across Australia's vast remote regions.

Whether the season is famine or plenty, Frontier Services will always rise to meet new needs and challenges. Highlights of 2014 includes our partnering with online fundraiser Buy-A-Bale to buy and distribute 90,000 bales of hay among drought-ravaged farm families in Western Queensland and Northern NSW; the renewal of our volunteers program 'Outback Links' and a surge in people signing up to help folk in remote places; and filling all patrol ministries with experienced men and women.

In late September we celebrated the 102nd anniversary of Rev John Flynn being commissioned to head the Australian Inland Mission. Issues Flynn contended with in 1912 are still very much part of the landscape of life in the outback, along with some he could not have anticipated:

The closure of rural businesses; the collapse of employment; the lack of services; the depopulation and consolidation into ever bigger stock stations; and the fly-in-fly-out policy of mine operators; add to this drought, flood, poverty and the conclusion is that today the need for humanity, family services and Christian outreach is greater than ever.

Once again, thank you for your generosity in assisting us to deliver services to people who live in some of the world's most remote places. We look forward to sharing the next leg of the Frontier Services journey together.

Blessings on your endeavours,

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