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Immaculate Kenworth SAR limited edition Legend owned by Paul from Queanbeyan, NSW. Transport For Christ asked if could we put the photo in our Highway Evangelist magazine and Paul replied "Only if you don't try to convert me. Salesmen have tried to convert me to Freightliners and that didn't work either." I replied, "I think it would be easier to convert you to the Lord than a Freightliner judging by this great looking truck!" Murray Reddie.

Goulburn Convoy For Kids 2025

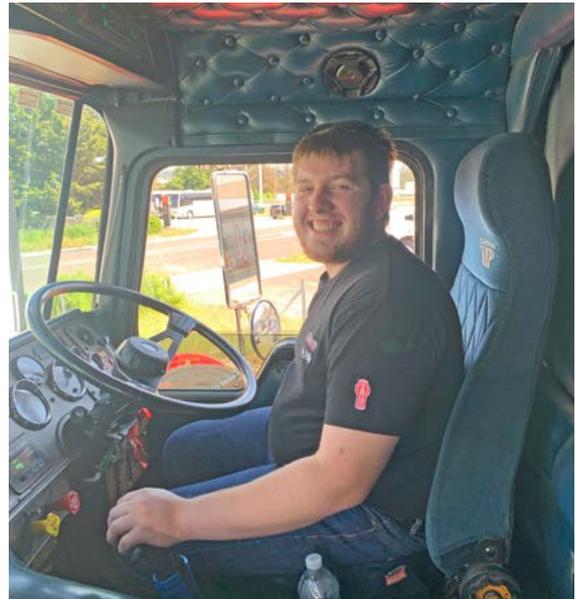


*Goulburn Convoy 2025 lead truck:
1983 W model Kenworth with 500 hp 3406
Caterpillar motor & 18 speed Roadranger
gearbox.*

On Saturday 8th of November '25 Transport for Christ again entered a truck and had a stand at the Goulburn Convoy for Kids. The convoy has now been going for 26 years. They have raised over one million dollars to date and \$110,293.15 at this event. They support children with cancer who ironically aren't covered by the NDIS, those with sickness, their families with travel money, Goulburn hospital children's ward, the local Police Citizens and Youth Club, and provide snack packs for play lunches at schools, among other gracious assistance. The convoy/festival is their main money raiser, but they have other community money raising and many regular sponsors and supporters. This year's event will be on Sat 14th Nov 2026.

TFC Volunteers attending were Neil Hawke and myself. The truck we used with TFC

banners was a 1998 K100G cabover Kenworth with Detroit Series 60 engine and driven by 23 year old "Scooter." It is owned by a nearby family with three trucks and trailers who also helped with the set up and removal of our stand. Many thanks to them. This is their company's spare truck, but it has been working hard for weeks as another truck is getting a mid-life freshen up. This truck was originally purchased by Phillips Transport from Shepparton and was one of their first B-double prime movers.



"Scooter" behind the wheel of his truck.

The weather was challenging. At one stage we were putting on block-out from the heat, then a wind came up that was so serious we tied the corners of our Gazebo to the truck, a flat-top semi-trailer, and Neil's car. It rained a couple of times, including whilst the fund-raising auction of donated gifts was on but thankfully the volunteers had a large gazebo set up for the spectators. The volunteers who brought out items to be auctioned just got wet! The donated goods at the auction included truck parts and accessories, theme furniture, truck clothing,

tools, and other truck paraphernalia. They never got through all the merchandise, so they then did two 100 clubs to finish the items off. TFC donated some truck beanies, a shirt, and organised a collector's issue Detroit Diesel esky full of Detroit Diesel accessories. Some merch was donated to TFC for the Goulburn Convoy by our friends at Penske Australia Chipping Norton and Daimler Trucks (Velocity) Milperra.



White Road Commander of TRN Haulage Camden NSW.

TFC were asked again to say prayers for the day and bless the truck fleet. We gave thanks that God had kept us all alive for another year on the roads, for the efforts of the volunteers and of course for the welfare of infirmed children. It was noted that many people bowed their heads.

Rather than auctioning the privilege of being lead truck like some Convoys the Goulburn Convoy has a free raffle for every truck that enters for this opportunity. The winner was an '83 W model Kenworth powered by a 500 hp Caterpillar 3406 motor and now fitted with an 18 speed Roadranger transmission. This year 239 trucks entered however 208 joined the convoy.

Peter the president then said the TFC truck could follow it! I was going to drive but after this decision I said to young Scooter, "You

may never be up near the front of a convoy in life again so would you like to drive?" He was halfway up the driver's ladder before I finished asking! We had the best run ever in a convoy. You usually stop-start for ages but Scooter stayed in fourth gear in the bottom of the gearbox and rarely stopped the whole convoy. It went from the usual start to finish which is the Gateway roadhouse at the northern end of Goulburn to the Goulburn Racecourse and Trotting Track. It's a weird feeling that because we are escorted by a Highway Patrol car, we get to go through all the red lights, roundabouts and stop signs! Some years we do a different course but this year we again went down the main street to a cheering, smiling, and waving crowd.



Ford LTL retro fitted with a V12 Detroit Diesel 2-cycle engine.

At the festival Neil was talking to families about TFC, the Lord, their life, and giving children new or second-hand matchbox cars and TFC publications and pens. Neil loves this role that serves our mission and Lord. I spent time there too and met a family of four; The father is Jack and we talked about our truckin' careers, life, and families.

There was the carnival atmosphere of rides, food, ice-cream, craft displays, the 'Steering

the Future' road safety exhibition semi-trailer, goods for sale, and trucks old and new on display. The tarp tying competition was done beside our stand on Joel and Leah's flat top semi-trailer (committee members of this event). There were 15 ropes down one side of the trailer and contestants must tie every rope with a truckies hitch tied off whilst being timed. The winner was Chris; 2 mins 17.74 seconds followed by Andrew on 2 mins 30.53 seconds.



Volunteer Neil Hawke at the Convoy TFC stand and families.

I talked with Ralph Hetherington an ex-owner/driver of 30 years from Bega. He has a '67 Seattle Kenworth pulling a bogie drop deck trailer with a mobile home and a '66 Atkinson cabover with a straight 671 two-cycle 237 hp GM on board. The Atkinson had a 1,000 hp GM V1692 two-cycle exhibition motor on the back that runs noisily. I've been chastised by Bruce, a mate who worked for Clae Detroit Diesel Allison for many years for saying "Detroit 2-stroke." He says this is incorrect because of the supercharger and valves in the head, as these motors don't scavenge like a 2-stroke. The correct name is "2-cycle." Rightly or wrongly our industry



Ralph Hetherington's 1967 Seattle Kenworth and bogie drop deck trailer with a 1966 Atkinson on board.

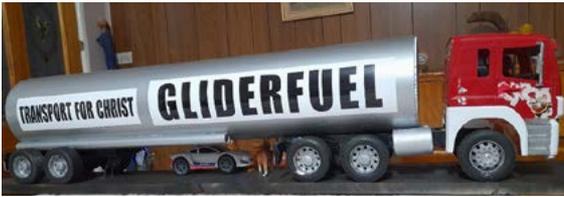
has called them two-strokes for decades (Or "Screamin' Jimmies").

Congratulations to the committee, sponsors, volunteers, Goulburn council, police, and the truckies families involved for this successful and generous event again. Jesus would be happy with these good works. "... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40).

"Keep on truckin' for Jesus!" Murray Reddie
(More photos on page 14 ...)



Scooter the owner/driver of the K100G and TFC volunteer Murray Reddie.



M.B. TRAC

The Mercedes Benz MBTrac is a descendent of the famous Unimog used extensively by the Australian Army. The MBTrac from 1976 with a 5.7 litre turbo diesel with 125 H.P. and 393 NM of torque. It has 3 point linkage on the back and the MBTrac is amazingly able to do many tasks but if you don't use the key it is useless.



Mercedes Benz MBTrac, photo by Johannes Maximilian, Wikimedia Commons.

It reminds us of a gifted person because many highly gifted Christians waste their gifts and only live a few percentage of the life God has set for them.

James and Jude were half-brothers of the Lord Jesus – Mary's sons to Joseph. In James 4:2, James reminds us of our responsibilities to ask God for what we need.

We speak to God in prayer. God speaks to us in His word, the Bible. i.e. in chapter 4 verse 2 "You ask and receive not because you ask amiss."

So the passage mentions those who don't ask and those who ask for something not in

God's plan.

The Christian life can be a life of immense richness or poverty. Many are content to live 5 percent of their potential. Life is so brief, like a vapour – soon gone.

— Rod Leigo



Under the Bonnet ...

answering the questions you always wanted to ask a truckie!

Q. Where do you sleep when you're away from home? - Caleb D.

A. Long-distance truckies sleep in their trucks. Some have just a narrow bed, but some could have a double bed, kettle, microwave, TV/DVD player, air conditioner/heater, BBQ or wardrobe. They sleep at their customers, highway rest areas, truckstops, or occasionally in a real bed at a friend's house or motel. They often sleep more away than at home.

Q. How long does it take to learn how to drive a truck? - Caleb D.

A. It varies. Trucking families' children pick it up quickly. Someone with no experience it could be 3 days or 3 months. You start in smaller trucks and graduate to larger trucks. Once licenced, it takes time to get "road sense", drive defensively, learn the regulators' compulsory driving hours and skills like load restraint. Also, different states have different truck laws to learn.

If you have a question you'd like to ask a truckie, please email it to jndwheeler@hotmail.com



How we know our God is real

The book of Daniel in the Bible gives a compelling account of how the Lord looks after his people in times of danger and strife. It also reveals how He can humble people in positions of power when they become puffed up with pride and believe their success is all of their own doing.

In the first instance, the story of Daniel in the Den of Lions (Daniel Chapter 6) is one of the most widely known of all the Bible stories. While it's widely understood that God protected Daniel by preventing the lions from eating him, the back story of how he came to be put into that predicament is well worth expanding upon. In a nutshell, it is a prime example of persecution that can still exist today when a person excels in their duties and others try to cut them down. The Tall Poppy syndrome is another way to describe it.

Daniel Chapter 6 begins by describing how the newly enthroned king of Babylon, Darius, appointed 120 satraps (provincial governors) to rule throughout the kingdom; with three administrators over them, one

of whom was Daniel. Now Daniel so distinguished himself among them that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this they tried to uncover grounds for charges against Daniel but they could detect no corruption or negligence in him.

Finally, these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

So, a group of the satraps and administrators persuaded the king to issue an edict that anyone who was found praying to any god or human being, except the king, would be thrown into the lions' den.

After learning that the decree had been published, Daniel continued to pray three times a day, giving thanks to his God just as he had done before.

Naturally, these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help, so they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree and how Daniel was flouting it. When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed and determined to save Daniel, but the group of men doubled down and forced the king to concede that the decree couldn't be changed.

So, the king gave the order and Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, with the king saying, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

That night the king could not sleep and at first light he hurried to the lions' den and called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"



Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! My God sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den, and no wound was found on him because he had trusted in his God.

The Bible tells us at the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel, along with their wives and children, were thrown into the lions' den and before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

The story of Daniel in the Lions' Den is one of the most graphic examples in the Bible of God's protection over his people. Yet miracles have been occurring ever since and are still happening today to God's people. It's important to understand that not all miracles are as overtly obvious as Daniel's experience.

For example, in my role as a long-distance truck driver I am faced with potential danger every day on the highways and job sites I traverse. Yet I do not fear because I know God's got my back and I trust in his

perfect love and protection over me in every situation in life.



Through the windscreen: a vista of the spectacular Flinders Ranges in SA. One of the privileges of my role as a long-haul Truckie is being in the box seat to view God's wondrous creation. At the same time, I am always grateful for His powerful protection and guidance as I drive.

Like every other human being, I am far from perfect and constantly need correction and forgiveness; but I do try to follow Daniel's lead by endeavouring to obey the Lord's instructions in how to live our best life.

As 1 John 1:9 tells us, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'

Blessings, Paul Matthei



My dad decided to name his new truck "Stormtrooper". That way he doesn't hit anything.

I was driving through the safari park when my sat nav said "bear left". But it was clearly a zebra.

A local farmer has been using a vehicle to make crop circles that are perfectly round. I think he has a pro tractor.



Saved in the Sea

Only the birds were up to watch Andrew swim boldly into the early morning sea. With every stroke he put the shore further away.

Being young and healthy, he never thought of danger until, a little tired, he rested a moment and thought of returning. He realized he'd been carried out way too far. He headed for land but couldn't make progress against the current. He struggled on till, utterly exhausted, he turned on his back and gave up.

Andrew was religious. In fact, he was the preacher for a large congregation. He had lived a careful life and, till this moment, had been on good terms with himself. Now facing death, he realized he had no hope of eternity. He wasn't ready to die! One thing was missing: He had no link with Christ!

Horror seized him! The waves seemed to be roaring into his ears, saying again and again, "You have preached to others, but you will be a castaway."

Andrew had preached a Christ and a salvation he had never known himself! His life with its ceremonies he now loathed. He saw them at their true value — dead works.

The work that could save his soul must be done by another.

Not for his body, but for his soul, he cried out to God. There alone with God on the waves came his call: "Lord, save me, or I perish!" — a vile sinner. As he cried, the answer came, "The blood of Jesus Christ ... cleanses us from all sin ... Whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (1 John 1:7, John 3:16).

He murmured, "Lord, I believe that precious blood was shed for me." Life and peace came to his soul — then unconsciousness.

"Father! Look ahead! What is that on the water? It must be a man." The father looked and, grabbing the oar, yelled, "Row for life." The men rowed, with all their energies. The body sank once and rose again nearer to the boat. It sank again. Hoping it might rise once more, they made a desperate effort. And it did rise within reach.



Strong arms brought the limp body into the boat. Quickly they started efforts to revive him. By God's mercies, willing hands carried him ashore, a living, breathing man — living in two ways: possessing now natural and eternal life.

God Does the Work

A week later, in that same boat, Andrew told the fishermen what the Lord had done for his soul when death and judgement had threatened him. He spoke to his rescuers of Jesus the Saviour and of the impossibility of doing anything to save ourselves. The work must all be done by Him, or we will be forever lost, he said, and he read to them from God's Word: "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ... Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." (Ephesians 2:4-5,9).

"When you saw me in the water that morning, could I help myself? I didn't help you to save me; you did all the work, and I got all the benefit.

"Now, don't you see how it is with the Lord? He, the sinless One, suffered for us. He took our place and offers us His place. He did all the work, and we get all the benefit of it."

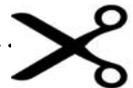
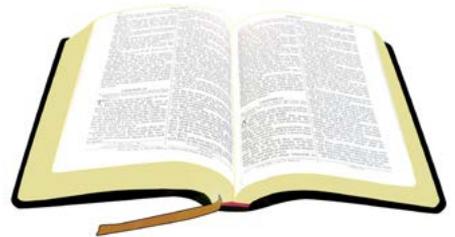
More than one of those fishermen received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. What about you? What have you done to save yourself? What can you do? NOTHING. "When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners." (Romans 5:6).

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Farm to truck ... to plate

Most city folks would be familiar with trucks delivering food products to the supermarket. But perhaps some of us would be less familiar with how crops are transported from the farm. TFC volunteer Neil Hawke recently took some snaps of Jones & Sons Haulage, working from a farm near Forbes, NSW ...

After leaving school, Shannon Jones worked for an exploration company on their drilling rig seeking minerals within Australia and Indonesia.

He decided to go truck driving for a local firm transporting canola, grain and fertiliser. His ambition was to have his own trucks and now pulls AB Triples and road trains. Road trains have been driven from farms transporting wheat to silos at Port Kembla for export overseas. Shannon bought trailers for his trucks to pull from Brisbane based manufacturer, Robuk Engineering, with one being the 1,000th one built; so to commemorate the achievement that one was printed on both sides with that fact together with the Australian flag.

On a farm where two headers with 12.192 metres cutting width were harvesting in perfect conditions, Shannon had two AB Triple trucks taking 76 tonnes each. Both did six loads to Parkes grain terminal in one day. The terminal for receipts of grain operated 16 hours per day so farmers could harvest and deliver before rain which causes down grading with lower prices.

With the deluge of rain recently in Queensland causing a railway bridge to be washed away, Shannon with his trucks, as well as twenty odd others on contract, transported fertiliser from a mine near Cloncurry to Townsville (950 km) where it was unloaded at a shed near the port then loaded onto ships for export. Trucks were pulling Triples and Quads with a gross weight up to 136 tonnes. — Neil Hawke



At the Jones & Sons Haulage depot in Parkes.



Loading field peas which are to be transported to Narromine.



Loading wheat from a mother bin into the 1,000th built Robuk trailer.



Driver Damo loading wheat, watching his phone because it records the weight of grain permissible for the axle group (scales) so not overloading. When loaded another position is hit on the phone which causes the tarps to roll back.

Faith Versus Works

There is much discussion or debate in Christian circles about "Justification by Faith" as against "Justification by Works." Justification means to be declared or made righteous in the sight of God. Faith in this application is strong belief in the doctrines (teachings) of religion, based on a spiritual conviction rather than proof. In this first of a two-part article, I will discuss faith and will discuss works (actions) next edition.



We show faith every time we get into a lift that it won't crash down, that a car will stop at a red light as we have the green, or an ambulance crew will help us when injured. Though what is faith in a biblical sense?

Faith can be a noun or verb. In the Old Testament it meant resting, trusting, hoping in the Lord, waiting for the coming messiah, or support with battling adversaries. In the New Testament Christians learn to follow the Old Testament faith instructions but additionally Jesus demanded His disciples have faith in his actions. Christians received utterances from God in the teachings and works of Jesus. Jesus demanded trust in himself for the messianic salvation he offered and the miracles He could perform. In the Bible's books of Romans

and Galatians Paul says faith in Jesus is the only way to a right relationship with God which human works cannot gain. The books of Hebrews and 1 Peter show faith as hope and endurance under persecution. Faith can quite simply be a word for someone's spiritual or religious outlook.

Justification by Faith

Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesian church in the New Testament says in Ephesians Ch 2:8-9 NIV;

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

It is our salvation that is the gift from God, not our faith. Grace here means unmerited favour. Jesus died on the cross as a substitutional atonement for all mankind's sins; past, present, and future. Because we could not be good enough ourselves to pass the entrance test to His glorious kingdom and receive eternal life after our earthly death. Substitutional atonement means Jesus took our place on the cross, a particularly callous form of capital punishment, when we were the sinners not Him. You could even argue that Saint Mother Teresa (1910-1997), who led a life in service for God as a Roman Catholic nun and founder of 'The Missionaries of Charity' would not have been good enough to enter God's kingdom without His grace. If that's a bit tough, think about this; Have you looked at an attractive person lustfully? Have you taken, stolen really, a pen from a bank or post office? Have you been frightened or cut off in traffic and blasphemed God's name in vain or sworn? If so, you have broken one of

four of God's ten commandments. The Bible says if you break just one commandment you have broken all of them, as they are God's law. By the way you don't have to remember the ten commandments. As Jesus said when he came to earth 2,000 years ago, we only need know two; "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind ... and strength.*" And "*love you neighbour as yourself.*" (Mark 12:30-31).

"*Our citizenship is in heaven*" (Philippians 3:20), and God has no end of grace, even if you refuse his offer of salvation. That's why you can't boast (v9) as God has a never-ending fountain of mercies, and He doesn't give up on you. God saves us from wrath with his handiwork (v10), but His handiwork makes something wonderful of us.

Christians are not fully sanctified i.e. made holy, purified, and devoted to God, until we die on earth. If you don't put God first in your life, you probably won't make it to the kingdom (children not included). The reason for this gift from God which anyone could have is because we have faith in God, a relationship with Him, love our neighbour, try to be humble, and prayerfully repent of our sins. Repent means to have a change of mind or ask God for forgiveness. Having faith in God is not just about getting to His kingdom either, even though that's the hope and inheritance of Christians. It's also about walking with God every day of your life, learning to trust His judgement and plans for you as a new way of life, and loving Him as He loves us. This is what being "born again" means (John 3:3).

Many New Testament scriptures have a salvation message like Eph 2:8-9 some are; John 3:16, Galatians 2:16, Philippians 3:9, Titus 3:5-7, 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10. Have a look at them.

Ephesians 2:1, 2:5 and 2:8-9 show us that

our future is assured by God's grace and then as we mature as Christians our faith grows. Works play no part in achieving salvation. The Holy Spirit plants the seed of faith (John 3:6). Afterwards however Christians will show their faith by their works. Paul says that the salvation given us from God through a union with Jesus from our old life to being born again, is the start of that new life of good works. Salvation is a seismic display of His gracious abilities, not a result of or a reward given to us for our works because our former works and life only represented the predicament we needed to be delivered from. We were once "*dead in our transgressions and sins*" before our new life (Ephesians 2:1). Every converted sinner is a saved sinner.



Often when I'm talking about going to heaven to a non-Christian they say, "I try to be a good person, help people, and I'm honest, so I should be right." Therefore, suggesting that they will get to the kingdom. I don't wish to burst anyone's bubble, but it won't cut it with God, those people want heaven without commitment. Take the "if" and "should" out of it and put God first. Rowan the assistant minister at my church would say, "It's all about them, they are not even acknowledging God here." They need faith with their works.

Finally, just because someone is not a Christian doesn't mean they're not a good person. Some non-Christians would be better behaved than some Christians. I remember a bumper sticker years ago that said, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven." Amen.

Blessings, Murray Reddie.

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Elizabeth, Mary, God ... and us

Did you know that Elizabeth is the first person in the book of Luke in the Bible, who is filled with the Holy Spirit and prophecies? Her husband Zechariah can't speak at this point in time (he'd been made temporarily mute, as he hadn't believed the angel Gabriel's words to him about the baby we know as John the Baptist). But Elizabeth did believe, and now she is pregnant, and her young cousin Mary has come to visit.

I think that while Mary had believed everything the angel Gabriel had told her about having a baby and naming him Jesus, and she had agreed to God's plan, I think she was still probably quite afraid about what was going to happen. So when the angel Gabriel told her that her cousin Elizabeth was also having a miracle baby, she hurries straight away to visit her, even though Elizabeth lived about 130km away. And when she arrives, she is straight away given the encouragement and comfort that

she is seeking. God fills Elizabeth with the Holy Spirit, and she confirms everything in God's plan to her younger cousin Mary.

God used Elizabeth to show Mary that God's plan is wonderful, and that she, Mary, is a vital part of that plan. And Elizabeth was a part of the plan too. And that's the way God works – God is God and is more than able to do everything without help – but he chooses to partner with people in doing his work. Just like he did with Elizabeth and Mary. And just like he does with you and me.

Now the baby that Mary would have was going to be called Jesus. And the name Jesus means to rescue. Who was Jesus coming to rescue? Everyone in the whole world. We are all created in God's very own image, to be friends with him, and to work with him. But things went really wrong for us, we started working against God, rather than with him. So Jesus left heaven behind and came to earth as a human, to make it possible for us to be friends with God again, and for us to be able to work with him again. When we believe in Jesus, he sends the Holy Spirit to live in us, to help us to grow and become more like him every day.

And Jesus said that he came so that we could have life – and to live life to the fullest (John 10:10). When I was younger, I felt like if you wanted to be friends with God, you had to give up lots of things – especially things that were fun!! But life with Jesus isn't about giving up lots of fun stuff and having an emptier life – it's about having more – it's about becoming the person you were really created to be. It's about being fulfilled, and being friends with the God of the universe. And it's about reflecting God to other people, so that their lives will also have more, that their lives will be filled with God's love and abundance, too.

Yours in the abundant life, Elizabeth Devlin

More photos from the 2025 Goulburn Convoy for Kids. See story on pages 2-4 ...



Kenworth SAR Legend.



Mack Ultraliner.



Joel & Leah's trailer used for the tarp tying competition.

Golden Oldies

... from the back page:

Ford LNT8000

Mick and Robyn O'Brien own this tidy 1981 Ford LNT8000 tandem-drive tray truck.

It features a Cat 3208 V8 engine with a 13-speed Roadranger and Rockwell SP 38,000 pound diffs on Hendrickson 'Walking Beam' suspension.

It started life with a drill rig mounted on the back and driven by a power take-off from the gearbox. While the truck itself doesn't have high mileage, it's on its third engine due to the huge number of hours sitting stationary and powering the drill rig.

Having worked for the company that owned it, Mick acquired the truck when they finally retired it some eight years ago due to the rear end of the chassis rusting out. Being a qualified mechanic, Mick was able to repair the chassis and give the old girl a good tidy up.

Mick and Robyn use the truck to transport their Chamberlain Countryman tractor to various events and tractor treks.

Those familiar with Chamberlain tractors will know that this model left the factory with a Perkins 354 diesel engine. However, being the Cat tragic that he is, Mick undertook the not inconsiderable task of shoehorning a 3208 Cat engine between the chassis rails. The end result is a powerful and unique sounding Chamberlain, complete with twin stacks, that turns heads and delights V8 engine aficionados wherever it travels.

— Paul Matthei



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God And The Spider

During World War 2 a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves.

Although safe for the moment he realised that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it is Your will, please protect me. Whatever Your will though, I love and trust you. Amen."

After praying he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought,



"Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of the cave.

"Hah," he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider's web. God does have a sense of humour."

As the enemy drew closer, he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his

amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave they moved on.

Suddenly he realised that with the spider's web over the entrance his cave looked as if no one had entered in quite a while. "Lord. Forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had

forgotten that with You a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is easy to forget the victories that God can work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. The great leader Nehemiah reminded the people of Israel, when they faced the task of rebuilding

Jerusalem, "*In God we will have success!*" (Nehemiah 2:20)

Remember: Whatever is happening in your life, with God, a mere spider's web can become a brick wall of protection. Believe He is with you always. Just speak His name through Jesus His Son and you will see His great power and love for you.



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Golden Oldies

Ford LNT8000

Mick and Robyn O'Brien own this tidy 1981 Ford LNT8000 tandem-drive tray truck.

It features a Cat 3208 V8 engine with a 13-speed Roadranger and Rockwell SP 38,000 pound diffs on Hendrickson 'Walking Beam' suspension.

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