

## **Flood Bound! But what an Experience!!**

January's big rains had us (Lyle & Hazel Morris) flood bound at Mareeba Church for three busy happy days– *but* we needed to get to Normanton!

As reports told that the waters of two of the mighty Gulf Rivers had dropped below the bridge levels, and before the waters lapping the third came over, we were able to arrive at Normanton at two minutes to mid-night!

First reports the next morning were “The water is half a metre over the bridge.” A surprised storekeeper said “You got here! God surely held the waters for you! We had to agree!

### **What happened in the next flood bound weeks could fill a book!**

#### **What do you do after church on Sunday morning?!**

At Normanton we all pile in the bus and take a drive to ‘check out the water!’

We couldn't go far (any direction!) This is the sign of a ‘good wet season’! (and good fishing to follow!)



**We enjoyed fellowship with the keen group of Christians. It was good to hear them sharing their stories of God in their lives.**

**One night we sang songs that were special personal favourites.**



**Sisters Audrey and Sheila sang one of Sheila's favourite songs – proven in her life journey**

“One day at a time dear Lord that's all I'm asking from you ..... Help me believe in what I can be, and all that I am ..... Lord give me the strength to do every day what I have to do ..... Lord help me to take one day at a time.”

**We were thrilled to have Irene come around one night ‘to have a talk’ to Lyle. Her business — “ I want to give my life to Jesus.”**

**What joy. She did!**

She left with a real resolve “I want God’s way of living to be my way .... every day.”

We sang that song the following Sunday when the church family shared the joy of her commitment.

As Irene studies her new Bible, pray that it will become God’s living Word, food, a sword, a lamp and as sweet as honey.



**A group of helpers spent many long, hot hard work days in the used clothing shed.**

**We were able to have a used clothing sale.**



**The supplies were keenly bought by the families.**

**We pass on the grateful thanks of Normanton to all who supply and process the used clothing, linen, household items etc.**

**This ministry helps many families and the church rejoices with the funds for their ministry programme.**

**A frequent request was “Have you got any more curtains?”**

**We had to remember how to be creative when the fresh food supplies run out! Returning to powdered milk was a reminder of the good things we take for granted!**

**We were reminded daily of the urgent need for a person/s to share with the church at Normanton in their ministry, to teach and nurture the Christians, and too make God known in this Gulf Community.**

**Will you pray with us for someone to come for a long or short term ministry and soon?**

*Rejoice and pray! Hazel Morris (who enjoyed so much her time in Normanton!)*

P.S. Since returning to Brisbane we have purchased 2 rolls of curtain material to be made into rod-pocket curtains. Any sewing volunteers anywhere? Contact Hazel 3848 9466 **PPS (Praise God! Prayer answered same week)!**