



THE ENCOURAGER

Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

Dan was saved 'because'....

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Well, of course, there is no real 'because' humanly-speaking! If we were to say there was a 'because' – then the 'because' would be the "grace of God". But you know what I'm driving at. There is often a person or persons that we can point to and say, "They were the ones that brought the gospel!" Dan's story goes way back. Back to his grandpa. His grandfather was approached by a couple of concerned Children's Workers that



That's him in 1963!

were looking for a location to do Children's Meetings. He gave them the land to use for their portable hall and even came along to some of the meetings—influencing his sons and grandchildren to attend as well. Dan was not saved during those days he attended the meetings for the children of St Marys. But years later the Seed sown bore fruit—and even more since then. Though well obscured as he grew older—the Truth was in! It came out one day almost unexpectedly when he and his well-brought-up intended were discussing children. As they drove down the road—she mentioned that she believed in heaven but not hell. He bluntly said, "There is a hell, and that's what sin deserves." She countered "Well, I don't want that to be taught to our children!" Again he countered, "Well—there is a hell and there is a heaven and I want them to know it." The home next door to where they raised their children was for sale. The previous owner had been religious but without Christ—he'd tried to pull a fast one on Dan and Dan knew there was no reality in that man. He was hoping that the person who moved in would be someone he could party with—but when he heard that it was some preacher fellow with a bunch of kids that had bought it, he decided to avoid the newcomer at all costs. However his wife and children got to know the newcomers and one day the neighbour's wife asked his wife, Rhonda, if their children could go to some meetings! His initial response was "No" but somehow "Where?" came into it and when he heard that it was the St Marys Gospel Hall—much to his wife's surprise, he said, "No problem, I know those people." Inevitably—he too was invited along to her the Word and one night after many conversations and a great struggle—all on his own—Dan received the Saviour—and his wife Rhonda shortly afterwards—and to this day he thanks the Lord for those who faithfully taught



No Amateur Photographer

Little Jessica Hansen was looking at an aerial farm photo at her Grandparents farmhouse. She studied it for a while and then she asked,



"Grandma.... did God take that picture?"

"My Word shall not return unto me void!"

the truth in his youth and for those who later watered it and saw it become fruitful and blessed of God.

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not".

GALATIANS 6:9