

Young Missionaries at Work Here

The two native missionaries building a Sunday School Hall at Three-Ways Bridge Aboriginal Reserve are both ex-students of the Aborigines Inland Mission College at Singleton.

The college is a Bible Training Institute for native people only and is fully staffed by the Inland Mission.

Students are also taught ordinary school subjects, as many of them left school early.

These young men now at Griffith are David Kirk and Ben Mason.

David is a Queenslander whose mother was taught by Miss Campbell when she was at Cherbourg.

After the course he applied to be a missionary, was accepted and sent to Moree and then to Darwin for a year. David says he felt the need of further training and did a pastor's course at Singleton for a further twelve months.

At present he is going from station to station in N.S.W.—the tour has included 14 so far—doing evangelistic work with his fellow missionary, Ben Mason.

FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ben Mason is a West Australian who went to the United Aborigines' Mission School at Mount Margaret near Kalgoorlie till he was 16.

He worked on a sheep station for three years and then in a factory at Perth for 18 months.

While in Perth he joined night classes in English and Mechanics at the Technical College.

He felt a desire to be a preacher and from the Church of Christ Pastor of Perth he heard of the Singleton College. He applied, was accepted, and spent three years training there.

THEY MAKE MUSIC

David Kirk plays the piano accordion and guitar, and both of them can play a small organ a little, though they don't read music. The music is needed for their services, of course.

On Sunday they had a special meeting for children at which they had singing, a religious story and a bible quiz besides the regular Sunday Service.

They encourage the people in the reserves to join the services but attendance is voluntary.

Ben and David have been together since February.

Ben was straight from college, but David has had five years in the field as a full time native missionary.

Ben also attended the Australian Institute of Evangelism at Wollongong for a year.

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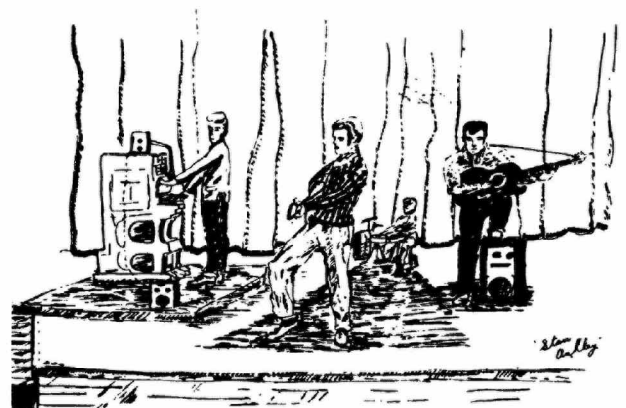
They feel that their spiritual work helps native people to achieve a higher standard of living through the raising of their own personal standards.

"Christianity has done this for me and hundreds of others," David said. "That's why I'm in this work."

They both feel deeply grateful for the education and spiritual training they received at the Singleton College.



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