

wide open spaces

Stories from the Winter, 2012

“Something God really taught me on the trip was...”

... to act as salt and light to all the earth. To go forth and multiply God's love.

... the range of challenges and wisdom people revealed in their life stories and how God could help you overcome them.

... we live on a big planet in a very big universe. On our own we are helpless but God takes care of all our needs.

... creation is really beautiful – especially in really remote places.

... that praying for people is an honour and a blessing.

... better to give than to receive.

... perseverance. Priorities.

“Something I learned about 'community' from this experience is...”

... they are best grown in intensive environments, close quarters, and through good conversations.

... everyone has something unique to contribute to the group.

... a reminder that the leader is always the first up and the last to bed and is working and encouraging everyone in between.

... how important it is to know someones background as it tells you so much about a person and also results in a tighter bond forming between the person and you.

... we all have a story to tell, something to share, something to teach, something to learn.

... suffering brings us together. Everyone likes to lend a hand.

“I'll never forget...”

... the views, the cold and the warm of friendship from the group.

... the clouds parted and we saw the views of the mountains up the valley on the second last day.

... the ice covered lakes and snow covered trees.

... let's be honest – if I live to 90 I'll forget all of this, except for a vague sense of happiness!

... the valley opened out above Lake Minchin.

... I stopped noticing that my fingers were frozen and only realised when I couldn't open a zip.

... we got to Lake Minchin and saw frozen waterfalls and ice all over the lake.