

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE KILCOY ALADDIN'S CAVE

Meet Col and Lorna Jennings of "Kilcoy Second hand", or as I would call it, "The Kilcoy Alladin's Cave".

Step through the shop-front door and enter a world of "treasures"; big, small, delicate to, oily agriculture. Explore rows of "Well, look at that!" and "What is that?" to "Fancy that!"

A shop full of "gems", some small and sparkling and others heavy, rusty and totally practical, just waiting for the right person to come by and recognise, "That is just what I have been looking for!" I'm sure somewhere among the rows of "wonder", one could find the proverbial kitchen sink and, quite possibly, the odd aeroplane wing.

However, the greatest treasure is the friendly smile, welcoming attitude, and willingness to share that shines from Col and Lorna. Ruth and I could only wonder at the heartening influence of this couple as they chatted and explained, "The other day, a bloke came in looking for a Bible. We told him, 'Bibles are in that box. Bibles are free.'

God is like that; He says to all hurrying through life, *"Hey! Stop awhile, enjoy my company, and look at what I offer for your life. I'm sure I have a gem of forgiving love to add joy and sparkle to what you might feel is a pretty tiring, humdrum, useless life. I have these life-changing treasures of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23), and they are free. Talk to me, tell me what you are looking for. I am sure I have it. Just trust me."*

Col and Lorna explained that coming up to Christmas, they put boxes of free toys at the front of the shop for those who are "doing it tough."

Ever feel like you are "Doing it tough", every day? Every day feels like there is nothing in life worth even getting out of bed for. God's Son Jesus tells you, "I have come so you can have a full and joyous life." (John 10:10). What better free gift could you have?

Take the time to talk to God about His plans and his free gifts for you and your life. Don't be surprised if he even has plans for how you can bring his gift of free love to someone else. He might see you as an Aladdin's cave full of his love and passion to share.

Be prepared to let God bless you and help you sparkle.

Kevin