

## “LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



### PLEASE LET ME OUT!

Meet Mr Pants. Despite the look on his face, he is a much-loved pooch, and, a good actor. Not only his owners, but his many friends through the Riverland love Mr Pants. You only have to mention Sean and Connie to someone, and the reply will be, “How’s Mr Pants?”

It is so sad when meeting people who feel unloved; or find themselves in situations they desperately want to escape. Unfortunately, media is cluttered with examples of loneliness and wishes of escapism. More importantly, what about the family member, the friend, the acquaintance who in pain touches your life? Do you care? Do you have an answer; an answer that does not preach, but comes from an attitude of care, concern, love?

Jesus sought out and showed love to many.

Jesus said, If you trust My words, *then* you are indeed disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (John 8: 31 – 32) There may still be some sadness, some put-downs, some anger, some fears. But what comes with trusting that Jesus loves you, is the freedom to stop those “negatives” from controlling your life.

If we believe these words of Jesus, “So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36) it becomes our responsibility to pass (with love and care) onto anyone we can help this positive advice from God’s Word; Christ has set us free to live a free life. So, take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you. (Galatians 5:1)

Mr Pants can escape. He can be free. Interestingly, he always comes back to where he knows he always receives love and care. Jesus continually assures us, “I want you to know and live in my love and support.” If you haven’t experienced this love and care, give it a go!

Cheers,  
Kevin.