"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE SILVER ROAD

"Hey! Grandpa come and look before he gets away!" came my granddaughter's excited cry; so loud I was sure the neighbourhood would turn up to "LOOK!".

Following the sounds of giggles to the garden, I found her, down on hands and knees, enthralled with the treasure slowly escaping. "Look, Grandpa! He's making a silver road. Wherever he goes, you can follow!" I had to agree, even if the knees disagreed.

Nose to the ground like a couple of bloodhounds harassing a hapless victim, full of excitement and anticipation, we followed (at snail's pace) the silver road. For some reason, my mind turned to another roadmaker who left a trail people could follow. A person who not only showed the way but went further and declared, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) That person is Jesus. He is saying, have faith in me. Trust that I know where I am leading you, what I am offering, and what I am about to do (suffer, die and come to life again so you and all who trust me have a way to be friends with my Father, God. Plus, a new way of looking at life and living it. (John 10:10)

Jesus also left a trail for us all to follow. He demonstrated how to show love to those who hate, forgive those who would cause pain and sadness in life, care for the needy, lift the downtrodden, and bring peace in place of anger, good news and friendship to the lonely. Not out of a sense of obligation, but because that is what the "trail" is. That is who Jesus is. That is where he leads, and because he first led you and me with that kind of care and compassion.

After finally seeing the snail make his way under a bush, we sat in the dirt, grinning at each other. Having just shared what to many would have been monotonous and mundane, but to us was a great adventure, she summed it up, as only the young can, with the words, "He's great".

Get to know and follow Jesus and his love, and you will say, "He's great!"

God bless and let Jesus lead you through a great week.

Cheers,

Kevin.