

WHO DO YOU TURN TO IN TROUBLE?

"Marlborough farmers are anxiously looking skyward praying they receive desperately needed rain. " So was the opening sentence in an article in this weeks NZ Farmer.

I was thrilled when I read that sentence. Why? Obviously not because our farmers are faced with threat of drought. After all I'm one of them too!

Words like, 'anxious', 'critical', 'tight', 'struggling', 'stress' and 'desperate', are currently being used to describe our situation and feelings. Some farmers are experiencing sleepless nights as they try to make right decisions regarding selling off stock and balancing the feed budget for 'the remainder of the summer. With worry and lack of sleep feelings of tension may grow and before we know where we are relationships with those we love become strained and close to breaking point, to say nothing of the bank balance. There is no joy in drought.

But the joy that I found in that opening sentence came from the knowledge that our farmers know where their help will come from from the Lord who made heaven and earth and who causes the rain to fall and the sun to shine and that they are praying to him.

Let us all join our voices in prayer to the One at the top, who makes it all happen. Let us give thanks to him for the rain that he has sent in the past and for the rain he will send in the future. Let us pray that he will give us the faith to take each day at a time, to plan each day wisely, and to put ourselves trustingly in his hands.

God said, "Spread for me a banquet of praise, serve High God a feast of kept promises, and call for help when you're in trouble - I'll help you, and you'll honour me" Psalm 30:15