

GOD WILL PROVIDE

John Flynn was born in Victoria in 1880. At the age of 23 years, John felt the call of God to become a minister. Part of Flynn's training involved working in remote areas of Australia and his first posting was to the isolated north of South Australia, where he cared for the spiritual needs of a parish the size of the British Isles! He preached in small outback communities, sometimes to only 8 people.

In 1912, Flynn was appointed superintendent of the newly formed Australian Inland Mission (AIM), which he directed for 39 years. Their motto was "For Christ and the Continent."

The needs of the outback communities were far more than just spiritual and John Flynn eventually built 15 inland hospitals. He opened the first AIM hospital in the name of Jesus, the great Healer and Redeemer of men, trusting that every person entering the hospital would go out cured of his infirmity and blessed in soul as well as body.

As early as 1917, Flynn dreamed of a "Flying Doctor". This dream finally became reality in 1928, when the world's first 'flying doctor' made a flight, from Cloncurry in outback Queensland.

God has promised to supply all of our needs, and that includes the need for medical, social and spiritual support for those living in the isolated interior of this vast and barren land. Today, there are 13 Royal Flying Doctor Service bases around Australia, providing a mantle of safety over an area of 7 million square kilometres, which represents 80% of mainland Australia. This is the largest and most comprehensive aero-medical health care service in the world and was started by a great Australian Christian under the inspiration of Almighty God who cares for every Australian, all over this vast land.

John Flynn is featured on our \$20 note, as a regular reminder that God is faithful to His promise to provide. He provided for the outback through Flynn, and He will provide for us too.