In the school the children learnt simple skills such as how to read and write, how to add and subtract and of course about Religion and they sang hymns. Due to all her great work, her first 33 students were able to go out and turn their lives around.

At the age of 24 she decided to dedicate her life to God entirely and she became a nun. She wore the black dress and was now known as Mary the sister of St. Joseph, she later took vows in a chapel in Adelaide and was later known as Mary of The Cross.

With the guidance of Father Julian Woods she set up her first school in rural Australia.