

Carpenter's Cross ministries

upcoming schedule

We so appreciate your support in prayer...

James 5:19 says "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective"

Thank you for standing with us during summer ministries in the US. We find that although we do return to familiar churches and camps, each year our relationships with these are strengthened and we are able to minister to many people, not just in actual meeting time, but in day to day interactions. We find ourselves giving counsel, and praying into situations, and it is SO good to see God go ahead and move in hearts and lives. Above all we covet His presence in all we do, that those to whom we minister would be aware of God, and that children especially would know His love for them in a tangible way.

Prayer points:

- Dale and Bertha (Sue's parents).
- Continued health and protection as we travel.
- For us to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to minister in power and presence.
- For financial provision.
- For insights into situations and needs of people.
- For wisdom in ALL we do.

Thank you for your encouragement, support and prayers—we are so aware that there is a network of people sharing in this ministry.

Love and blessings,

Sue & Carolyn

THANK YOU for your encouragement, prayers and support.

We love and appreciate each one of you!

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We serve such a good God! In all the years that we have been involved in the nations of the world, there are very few times when we get to see some of the fruit of our labours. We know that the teaching seminars are valuable and that the Word of God doesn't return void, but it's nice to know and see some of the outcomes.

Ethiopia

Last year was our first time to Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia. A church has been planted there from Carolyn's home church in Melbourne, and the pastor leading this has a heart to help other churches in the area. To this end he has opened up any training or teaching seminars that happen so that other churches can benefit—this is a foreign attitude in this county as the churches there are very much self-contained and protective. Plus there are tribal differences that also bring barriers.

However, we were so blessed to hear of what had transpired since our seminars last year—one of the attendees reported that this coming together of churches had been a history making event, and that our impartation of a vision for children had been caught by a number of church representatives, resulting in children's ministries being started. Others had been inspired to change the way they were working with the children, and there were reports of pastors catching that same vision for the forgotten ones in the churches. We heard much to encourage us and to feel so privileged to be a part of what is happening in this nation.

We were also happy to be able to teach a session to the DTS class at the YWAM base, present a fun program to the children in AHOPE—an orphanage for HIV+ve kids who are doing a wonderful work.

Check out their website at www.ahopeforchildren.org.

The seminars were both well attended, and we were able to present certificates to those who came last year and first-time attendees. We also preached in the English, Amharic and Oromo services and God's presence was very evident. The worship was awesome in every service and no-one stood still—we loved it. Paulos and Ababo, and their children along with Deme are inspirational in both vision and achievement and the church is growing with an emerging leadership team.

Please pray for the Ethiopian people—they have a history steeped in God. The Orthodox church is strong, but the common people cannot enter the building or really connect. They need to see God manifest in their lives. Pray too for the village outreaches, and for the immense problem of famine and disease along the Ethiopian/Somalian borders. Everybody can do something for someone!



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Photo Captions

- 1: What a great family! Bringing hope to their nation—Tommy, Ababo, Paulos, Debbie & Raji.
- 2: Sue sharing how our lives affect others.
- 3: The littlest worshipper, Milka.
- 4: With the YWAM students.
- 5: Faithful worshippers outside the Orthodox church.
- 6: Coffee making ceremony to say "Goodbye."



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Cambodia

More than 50% of the population of Cambodia is under 25. These faces are the future of this nation.

It was our privilege to take a team into Phnom Penh earlier this year. Prior to leaving we spent time together praying and preparing with no itinerary! However, God was in control and we have learned that flexibility is one of the best virtues to have in a missions situation! The team proved themselves over and over again as they were thrown into a variety of ministry situations:

sharing their testimonies with student groups, teaching and demonstrating in the children's ministry seminar, sharing a message in village churches and playing and loving

the kids in the slums and on the dumps. They saw the power of God move in healing and deliverance, and returned home changed and inspired. We so appreciate the lives and ministry of Jesse and Soar



Susannah with a friend in the slums of Phnom Penh.



Amazing team from Manningham CityLife Church, with Kimmy our interpreter.

McCaul who head up New Life Church in Phnom Penh, and Cambodia Outreach. They are surely changing a generation in that nation.

Mountain Kids' Day Camp

Michelle Alden heads up this camp in the small town of Idaho City which is about an hour out of Boise up in the mountains. This year more than 50 kids arrived at camp (this is not residential, kids come from 8.30 a.m. through to 5 p.m. each day) and along with buddies and staff there was quite a crowd.

The challenges were the freezing weather (no heating in the meeting area) but the rewards were the great responsiveness of the children and it was a great week. Michelle was using the SCKC Australian curriculum "Sure Hope" and I do get a kick out of seeing this material go beyond our shores. The final day always includes the "Have a Go Show" where children display their talents and this always touches our hearts as children who often are not chosen in school performances come out front and present a song, dance, skit, etc. An unforgettable item was when one girl,



Pirate Sue!

who was giving a talk on plants, told us "And do you know how plants become green? It's because of photosynthesis." Now there's a thought! Where we stayed gave us incredible views and amazing bird life. Idaho



Freezing Carlyn!

has a heap to offer people who love nature. We saw a turkey buzzard, white headed woodpecker, western tanager, mountain bluebird and heaps of delicate hummingbirds. Wonderful.

Royal Family Kids' Camp

This camp is always a highlight of our year. Southern Cross Kids' Camps in Australia owe their existence to the vision and role-modelling of Tom and Margaret Turco who have led this camp for the past nineteen years. Sue and I have been involved as the Bible Teachers for sixteen of these camps, and it is a role we hold close to our hearts. This year 41 children, all from foster homes

came to camp. Many came from very traumatic backgrounds, carrying burdens no child should have to carry. The curriculum for this camp included the story of Joseph and we found that he became a character these children could readily identify with. Abandoned by his family...punished for things he did not do...changing circumstances which at times went from bad to worse...and finally his rise to power and the fulfilment of the dreams of his childhood. But perhaps the strongest message in this story is the reconciliation of Joseph and his brothers, highlighting his ability to forgive and the words "You may have meant it for evil, but God meant it for good," and the hope that God can indeed turn our lives around as we trust Him. The verse for the week was "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6.



Camp Grandparents

One of the things we so enjoy in this camp is the great teamwork, particularly in the group that look after Breakfast Club and J-zone with us. Doug and Jenn with the music, Bekah working with us in presenting object lessons and more, the support staff, drama team, Ryan on sound—all working together to see God's presence and love impact these kids. Another highlight was our much loved Graeme and Angela Jones travelling over from Melbourne, to be the camp grandparents. They were so proactive in this role, and every child in the camp loved them.

Southern Cross Kid's Camp

These camps are modelled after Royal Family Kid's Camps in the USA, and Sue and I are involved in training directors. This April we held a very successful training week, training people, to co-direct an existing camp and to plan for the launch of a new camp in a large rural area to the north of Melbourne. When I am in Melbourne I am involved in a number of areas including chairing a great group of people

who make up the SCKC national board. The kids we serve are all referred through social welfare departments and foster-care agencies and are staffed by volunteers, relying on grants and donations. Check out SCKC at www.sckc.org.au—we are making a difference to some very special kids.



Miracle Mountain Camp Kids in worship at MMC in Grangeville, Idaho.

Camp Directors, Tami and Dave Sherman, are committed to providing a great kids' camp up in the wilds of the mountains beyond Grangeville. This year's emphasis was on missions with the theme "Passport to Adventure". Bible stories looked at the Great Commission in Matthew 28



Subaru Forrester—great for mountain roads...blessing!

and followed the adventures in the early church (Peter, Paul, Phillip) and then some of the incredible impact across the known world of the apostle Thomas who ventured to Babylon, then

worked extensively in India (and was said to have entered the borders of China) before being martyred in India. To visit that country today one sees his influence everywhere in churches, orphanages, schools. We encouraged kids and adults alike to take up the challenge to KNOW who and what you believe, and to share that faith with others. That's mission.

Family Time

The beginning of July saw Colleen Dunis arrive from



DeAnn (with Buddy), Dale, & Sue.

Australia and it is great to have her with us before she heads to Utah to be with her daughter. Sue's sister/brother-in-law DeAnn and John are amazing hosts and arranged for several gatherings including a great 4th July BBQ and Fireworks. We covet your prayers for Sue and De Ann's parents, Dale and Bertha, who both face huge physical and emotional problems. Dale's MS has robbed him of almost all movement, and Bertha has much on her plate as a caregiver. However, they both delight in people and love to chat. They so enjoyed catching up with the Aussies!



Bertha & Colleen

Malaysia

New Life Restoration Centre in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, has been dear to our heart for many years, and so it was a special honour to be invited to be a part of their 30th Anniversary celebrations. We have both been involved in training workers, ministering to children and parents, and speaking in a number of churches which have been planted across Malaysia and in many other nations. It was wonderful to see the growth and development of this church movement and to renew the bonds of friendship with many of the leaders. Carolyn shared and narrated the musical spectacular that climaxed the week of celebration, and both Sue and Carolyn ministered in the churches. Pastors Jeremiah and Susan Yap were originally students in Melbourne when the Lord met them and called them to start this work. Well done! The churches are thriving and the presence of God is tangible.



Carolyn speaking at the celebration.



Carolyn & Sue at AHOPE Orphanage for children who are HIV+ve in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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