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Carpenter's Cross Ministries

November



Missions 2016

A mission trip is scheduled to Ethiopia March 2-17 . CityLife Manningham has been collaborating with Paulos Djini at CityLife Addis Ababa in bringing water projects to remote villages. The team will be distributing shoes from the "Run For Shoes" project to several villages. In addition we have provided training in children's ministries and pastoral support for our missionaries and their families.

Another trip is planned in July to Sarawak. This will also be a training mission for national workers in Kuching, an area where we have ministered and laid a foundation for outreach to children before.

There has also been an expression of increased interest in Aboriginal Ministries by Life Groups in Whittlesea and Casey. We are looking at organizing a team for Halls Creek in the future.



Carpenter's Cross Ministries was able to purchase a cow for one of the villages in East Timor. This was a gift presented to missionary Rayma Tracy at World Impact's Mission conference in April.

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Remembering Carolyn

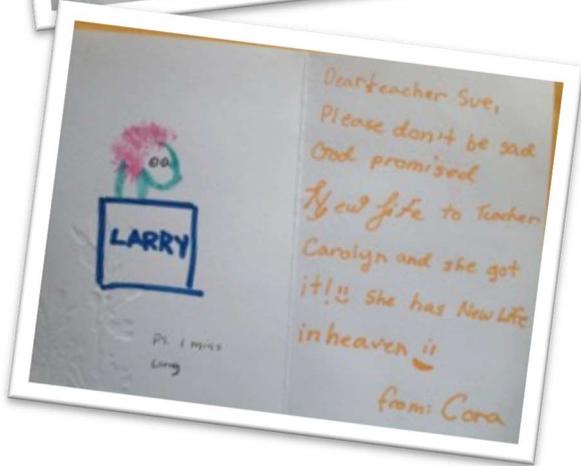
Carolyn Boyd was a part of Carpenter's Cross Ministries for more than two decades. The 14th of February Carolyn transferred her residency from earth to heaven.

Be Joyful

Carolyn preached her final public sermon December 21st 2014 at CityLife Manningham Church in Melbourne. Her message was entitled the "Joy of the Journey". (For the audio message click on carpenters-cross.org) After Carolyn's passing a child in the USA, not knowing this, sent me the "Be Joyful" card to the left. Jasmine writes: "Dear teacher Sue, Everyone knows teacher Carolyn got safely to heaven and we will all see her again someday. None of us will ever forget her."

Smile

Below, a child writes: "BELIEVE. I know this sounds like a cat poster but it's true! (It's from the Lego Movie)." Carolyn and I used the Lego Movie Theme of the "Chosen One" in teaching the previous year.



Larry

In June of 2014 Carolyn had received a word from God of "New Life" over her. She shared that testimony with the children at a camp in August. Cora, the grand daughter of the Children's Pastor, attended that camp. She writes in the above card: "Dear Teacher Sue, Please don't be sad. God promised New Life to Teacher Carolyn and she got it ☺ P.S. I miss Larry" (Carolyn's puppet)



Carolyn Preaching at Manningham



Carolyn at Aids Orphanage Ethiopia





Waverley Christian College
Casey Campus



CityLife Manningham Kids



Young Mum's Group

Australian Ministries

Waverley Christian College has two campuses in the Melbourne area. The first is in Wantirna and the second in the city of Casey. I did two chapels with WCC Casey, both Primary and Secondary groups. It was a joy to see the heart for missions expressed by the students and staff.

CityLife church has many multi-site campuses. One is in Manningham. I was privileged to minister to both the Sunday morning children's groups and their Saturday night combined Young Mum's Fellowship. In the picture above the kids each received a coin from a foreign country. They were to figure out which country their coin was from, find it on the map and ask

the Holy Spirit to show them the children who may have touched it. Then they were to ask the Holy Spirit how to pray for that child. Some kids prayed for health, some for safety, and some prayed food and shelter. At the end we blew bubbles of joy over the children represented on the map.

In Maria Tan's Young Mum's group we saw an activation of prayer with the women. They prayed for each other and the testimonies of healing and break through were amazing! He is such a good, good Father.



Loving Life Women's Retreat

Live every moment... Laugh every day...
Love beyond words!

This Women's Retreat was held in Leavenworth Washington in June. Kathy Peretti coordinated it. Women from across Washington attended for refreshing and fellowship.

*Core Values addressed at the conference were: There is always a solution – 1 Corinthians 10:13
I will always know what to do – James 1:5-8
I will always succeed in everything I do. Phil 4:13
My past is always turned to good! Romans 8:28*

Summer Ministries

New Hope Vacation Bible School

At New Hope International Church my intern Naomi Alseth and I ministered to the pre-school through grade 6 kids. These kids love to sing and a couple of the songs we taught were ones we later did at their family camp for all the parents. I love this photo because this little girl, the granddaughter of the Children's Pastor, is Ruth. So here I am with Ruth and Naomi. Priceless!



The Book of Daniel

Colfax Nazarene produced an amazing set for our theme of the book of Daniel including Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's fiery furnace. The kids enjoyed the stories of God's power and protection. One night a young boy ran up after service exclaiming, "You know when we held out our hands for God to give us a gift in prayer time? Well I felt Jesus take my hands and He didn't let go!"

Miracle Mountain Camp

Each summer we have seen the kids at Miracle Mountain Camp grow in their hunger for God. Naomi made great heart connections with these kids in her sharing. She gave an amazing personal testimony of the Spirit's transforming power in her own life growing up in a blended family.



Onecho Family Camp

Every September my sister, DeAnn, and I do a family camp for Onecho. This year because of physical challenges with my knee DeAnn stepped up her role to also include leading the music and choreography. One of the activations for the kids was a map of the world where they placed stickers on countries: feet for peace, hands for healing and hearts to release God's love.

New Hope International Family Camp

The New Hope Family Camp at Warm Beach Conference Center in Washington State is a highlight each summer. These photos are the activation areas for the children. On the right the children have a paper with swords and weapons of warfare printed on one side. As they folded the outside edges to the middle the two separate sides reveal a new picture of plowshares created from swords. The children prayed for the Holy Spirit to release peace in nations at war.



Middle right, the children see the paper shredder destruction of death, fear, sickness, etc. by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. They realize they have God's power to set others free from all the works of the enemy.

In the bottom left photo the children take turns pouring water over a globe. This represents the promise of God to pour out His Spirit on all nations.

On the last night we had the children form a prayer tunnel to take turns walking through. Children on both sides of the tunnel laid hands on each child passing and spoke a word of encouragement like "Freedom" "Joy" "Healing". Five minutes into the activation the children on the center of the tunnel fell down from the power of God, some crying some laughing. I ran to pull the children in to close the gap in the sides but they also went down. Within 10 minutes the children walking through and the children comprising the tunnel were all on the ground lost in an encounter with the Holy Spirit.



Kid Royal (puppet) calls out acts of kindness he saw children do at the Royal Family Kids Camp (USA version of Southern Cross Camps) in Idaho



Prayers appreciated



“The word of God says, “How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of the messengers bringing good news...” Isaiah 52: 7

“Beautiful feet” require trustworthy knees and apparently it is time for my left knee to be replaced so the “beautiful feet” can continue to carry the good news to the nations. I would appreciate your prayers as I face a total knee replacement, both for the surgery and the provision of finances during the following recovery weeks.



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