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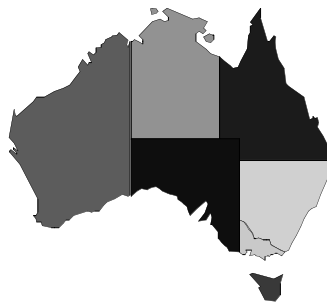
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There is a sense of urgency in our hearts that the time to reach children as never before is NOW. To this end we have been privileged to minister over the past year in several nations, planting seed, but even more importantly, training nationals to plant, water and harvest.

One area of commitment is to camps for abused and neglected children (Southern Cross Kids' Camps in Australia and Royal Family Kids' Camps in the US).



Southern Cross Kids Camp

There were two Southern Cross Kids Camps back to back in January ministering to over eighty emotionally needy children. Carolyn together with Colleen Dunis trained directors of future camps during the Mt. Evelyn camp and then Carolyn returned to the Casey camp as a Bible teacher. It is exciting to know that in 2005 five camps will be held – three in Victoria, one in NSW and another in Central **Queensland**. The new Melbourne camp will draw on children from the Knox area and will be directed by Chris and Tracey McGlashan and sponsored by Waverley Christian Fellowship. Christian Community Church will

sponsor the Queensland camp, based in Emerald.

Holiday Up North

Sue flew in late January and two days later was joined by her sister De Ann, brother-in-law John and his brother Chuck, all on their very first Oz holiday. We saw koalas, penguins and roos in Melbourne, met all our Aussie friends. Then they took us with them for a whirlwind few days in Sydney and THEN to Port Douglas. This was a dream come true – snorkeling on the reef, driving through rainforest and so much more. Thank you John, DeAnn, and Chuck.



Malaysia

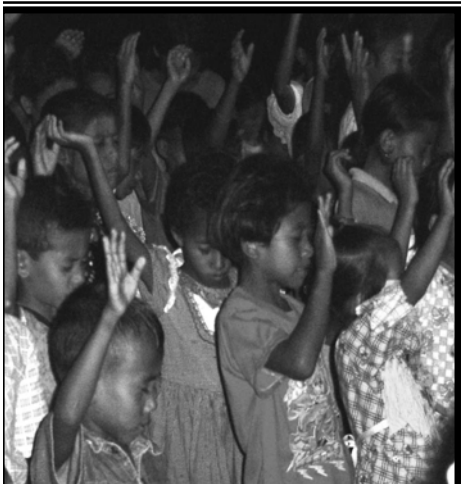
Two days after Sue's family left for the US we flew to Kuala Lumpur to minister in several churches participating in outreach programs, presenting training and seminars and preaching. One seminar was titled "Disciplining Children" and a parent told us afterwards that she signed up thinking it was DISCIPLINING Children. Well, we didn't teach about spanking or "time out" but she told us she was very glad to have attended.



We were delighted to stay with Kuan Yee and Christine Yau during our time in KL and they took us to the Cameron Highlands (cooler and greener) for two days which made a great break for us. They surprised me (Carolyn) with a reunion dinner to coincide with my birthday and this was attended by many ex WCF members who studied in Melbourne many years back. We reminisced, sang all the old songs and laughed and cried – it was a GREAT night. *Many of these are now pastors in growing churches throughout K.L.*

Indonesia

We then flew into Bali, Indonesia, caught a smaller plane to Kapung



Children respond during an evening rally on the island of Rote, Indonesia.

hours to finally arrive at our destination of Rote (southern island in Indonesia). Here we were with Ken and Rhayma Tracy in evangelistic crusades and ministry training. The Tracy's have built two YWAM bases and have developed discipleship training programs that have seen many village churches planted and existing churches strengthened. We loved the children who were so responsive during the evening programs and particularly enjoyed these outreaches from the portable stage of a large truck complete with generator and sound system. After Rote we ministered in similar meetings on the West Timor base. Ken has a vision to gather some 500 pastors for a special conference next year and has expressed hopes that we would be able to be a part of that.

Ministry to Children Seminar

I (Sue) was a key speaker and workshop presenter at the 15th Annual MTC Seminar. My key session entitled "Finding and Empowering Nemo" was more than a catchy title – it was to motivate and encouraged workers to see the importance of not just reaching children, but empowering them to be all that God desires them to be.

During this conference Carolyn was honoured by the presentation of a Life Achievement Award – a total surprise to her!

Ministers Fellowship International

MFI is a fellowship of pastors and itinerant ministers worldwide. We both belong to the Australian chapter and always schedule this conference into our year. Here we have the opportunity of being refreshed and enjoying great fellowship with fellow ministers from across Australia, Asia and beyond. It was good to meet up once more with Ps. Jeremiah Yap from Malaysia as well as old friends from several states.

Churches & Schools

In between (and sometimes during) the several conferences this month we were in a number of churches and public schools. In the local schools we had the opportunity of presenting the Easter story in total. We cannot ask the children to respond publicly, but can pray for them. What an awesome privilege!



WCF had us minister to a great group of young mothers at their "Motherhood" event. We shared on "The Heart of A Child – Easily Shaped/Easily Bruised." Gleaned

and then a ferry ride for about 4

from many years of experience with children, we shared on how to nurture children emotionally, spiritually and physically.

World Impact Conference

Hosted by the missions department at Carolyn's home church, World Impact is a good time of fellowship and teaching drawing together people with a heart for missions. A number of delegates were missionaries on furlough and it was encouraging to hear their stories. The highlight for us was the weekend services with the director of Asian Outreach David Wang (we worked with his organization in Hong Kong) who was interpreting for Uncle "L", a leader in the Chinese house church movement. We sat on the edge of our seats as Uncle "L" shared humbly of his background & the 10 million plus Christians who comprise his church and the miracles God is working on their behalf. The hunger for God's word was so evident in the words he shared. How we take access to the Bible for granted – there are millions of people in China denied this book which can only be obtained legally through the official Three Self Church system. Unfortunately the growth of these churches is monitored severely and large orders for Bibles would cause much persecution. Do pray for Bibles to be taken into China on a regular basis, and for the thousands of people coming to Christ each day.

Church Grows From G-12 Vision

We have ministered for many years with a church in Sydney with Pastors Johnny and Clara Scroggins. Their delightful family and the wonderful people in the church have been close to our hearts. In the past 24 months we have witnessed a clear change in direction resulting in phenomenal growth of the church. From years of maintenance numbers, this year the church has more than doubled. Everyone is training for leadership and witnessing ... I mean **everyone** from the oldest to the youngest. There are spiritual encounters, cell groups, and leader training for kids, teens and adults. They told us that the impact of what God is doing in Colombia was their turning point. For years Pastor Johnny knew several things that God had spoken to his heart, but he didn't have a plan of implementation. When he heard about the revival in Colombia, he took a team to see firsthand. Several trips later... everyone is flowing in the same vision!



Rolling Hills School, Melbourne
Australia – Easter Program

Our Schedule

April

17th Wollongong Church of Christ
18th-23rd SCKC [Carolyn]
20th-23rd Inspire Conference [Sue]
25th Penshurst Revival Church
29th WCC Chapel
30th Sue to US

May

Sue – Family time, preparation for summer ministries
21st - 22nd Chapel of Hope Women's Retreat
30th - to Wellington, NZ
Carolyn – writing for SCKC
Fountain Gate Christian Centre
WCF – CCM Profile

June

2nd – **Carolyn** to Wellington, NZ
4th-7th Inspire Conference
8th – **Sue** to US
9th – **Carolyn** to US
14th-18th Robbie Creek Camp
19th – 23rd Seattle, Washington
26th-1st Royal Family Kids' Camp, Mc Call, Idaho

July

5th – 9th Camp Berachah, Washington
15th – 18th Grangeville Camp, Idaho
25th – 30th South Kona A/G, Hawaii
31st – Aug 1st Glad Tidings A/G Hilo, Hawaii

August

8th - 11th Colfax Nazarene, Washington
13th – 17th New Hope Camp, Warm Beach, Washington
22nd – 25th Calvary A/G, Boise, Idaho

September

10th – 11th S. Idaho A/G Children's Ministries Conference.
16th **Carolyn** to Australia

Prayer Requests:

That the work we have done will produce eternal fruit in the workers we have trained.

Continued Health and Safety

That the finances will come in for the resources we need both to live and to minister to the children we will be with in the coming months.

We believe it would be extremely beneficial for us to attend the G-12 Conference in Colombia this November checking out the Children's Spiritual "Encounter Groups", and Bible "Cell" groups. To do this we need your help! If you would like to donate towards this please make cheques payable to: Carpenter's Cross Ministries (and note "Columbia Conference" with your donation).

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