

# Carpenter's Cross ministries

## upcoming schedule

### Thank You!

Thank you for your encouragement—your support in prayer and in finance. We KNOW when people are praying and we depend on your prayers so much. Thank you to Life Groups who supports us, along with many individuals and a special thank you to Lydia Yap (CityLife Church, Manningham) who is our support group coordinator in Australia. She has been responsible for much of the fund-raising that has occurred and met some of our travel needs.

Thank you to our CCM Boards and our home churches. A special thank you to DeAnn Slaughter (who looks after the accounts while Sue is travelling) and

Hilary Van Netten who does the same for Carolyn. Blessings and love to all reading this. We so appreciate you and believe that together we can impact children, youth and adults wherever God calls us to minister.

*Sue & Carolyn*

Sue Carpenter and Carolyn Boyd.

### Up Coming Schedule

**January 11–23** Cambodia Ministry (with Team from Manningham, Melbourne, Australia)

**January 24–April 27** Australia Ministry (Sue & Carolyn)

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We love and appreciate each one of you!

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Carpenter's Cross Ministries has had an amazing year, with ministry in more nations than we ever imagined. We are continually amazed and delighted as we see God's hand at work, and thank you for partnering with us. Following is a brief outline of this years' ministry.

### New Zealand

#### Directors' Training for SCKC NZ at the Dunedin Camp.

This took place at the Dunedin Camp, and we were encouraged at the vision for growth with two people undergoing training with a vision for future camps for children in foster care in the Wellington and Christchurch areas. Please pray for strong teams to be gathered together to see this come to pass—such a needed ministry to these children.

### Sri Lanka

Our work with child victims of abuse and neglect in both Royal Family Kids' Camps (US) and in Southern Cross Kids' Camps (Australia) became a valuable resource as we ventured into Sri Lanka for the first time. We expected to be ministering mainly at a camp for orphans, but the priority here was to work first with the workers. To our horror we discovered that around 90% of the children had been sexually abused, and that there was a similar percentage applicable to the adult workers caring for them.

### Kimberleys, Western Australia

We ministered with Australian Aboriginal Outreach alongside an amazing family who have dedicated their lives to reaching the aboriginal people in north western Australia. Brett and Justine Wiltshire and family oversee many rural churches, having grown a healthy church themselves in Hall's Creek, Western Australia. It was exciting to minister not only with the children, but to stand side-by-side with the women and minister during altar times in the convention. These women have a deep relationship with the Lord, who truly is the only hope for their people.

**Note:** we also ministered in several states within Australia in churches, schools and camps.



The Lord helped us as we shared on everything from safety procedures to protect the children (from themselves as well as others), to the deep love and healing power of the Lord to minister into such hurting backgrounds. We spent eight hours with the workers

before commencing ministry with the children. Our hearts were almost overwhelmed by the need here, and we have promised to return. Sue became extremely ill from food poisoning and dehydration set in, cutting short our time with the kids. Praise the Lord for His hand on us and her recovery in Malaysia.

Photo Captions

- 1: Aboriginal children (Kimberleys)
- 2: Orphanage boys (Sri Lanka)
- 3: Carolyn holding baby Elijah
- 4: Sunday Children's Service (Colombo)

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## Malaysia

God's presence was tangible in New Life Restoration Centre as we worshipped in the Family Service. Sue brought an amazing message on the family, and many responded, coming forward to be prayed for with their children. This church family is a home away from home for Carolyn especially, with many of the leaders being ex-students who attended CityLife Church when it was known as Waverley Christian Fellowship. Ministry included workshops, children's ministry and home groups. An exciting church with many church plants and a great missions emphasis.



"I think the balloon will pop!"  
Refugees from Myanmar



Workshop participants (Kuala Lumpur)

## USA

Summer in the US is a busy time for churches...outreach programs and church camps take place in every town and city it seems. We have a group of churches in which we minister regularly and the benefits of this are that we are able to see the spiritual and numerical growth of each particular church. With some churches we have been pursuing the topic "How To Hear From God" and it has been exciting to see children responding to this teaching and

learning that God speaks in many different ways. At Warm Beach Family Camp with New Hope International, we had an action packed program with games, music, Bible stories, puppets and more, but each morning and evening we also took about 20 minutes or so to hear what God was saying. One morning the children began to worship, and during this time we told them to ask God for a picture. They were able to go to the back of the room where tables were set with drawing paper and crayons. The children had the option of drawing a picture God gave them, or to sit and enjoy the music and atmosphere in God's presence. Some children sat, others sang, some got up and began to draw.

Cornelius, about 9 yrs old, sat with face screwed up and eyes shut. As Carolyn walked by he said, "I just see dark!" She reassured him that it was OK—just relax and worship the Lord. But a few minutes later she saw him at the table, drawing. "Oh great" she thought. "He's going to be painting his paper black!" But as she got closer she saw that he was drawing trees. "Cornelius, can you tell me about your picture?" she asked. And here was Cornelius' reply: "Well at first I only saw dark...and then I realised that I was looking at trees—it was a forest, a very dark forest. And I don't like the dark but I was walking towards it. Then I looked and beside me was Jesus. He was walking with me, and we got closer to the forest. I was thinking how I didn't like to go in because it was so dark. And then something happened... the trees started to get lighter and lighter, and soon the forest was full of light. Then I looked at Jesus, and He was light! That's what was making the forest get light. And I knew that I didn't have to be afraid."

WOW! That picture spoke to our hearts.



Cornelius checking out the lei for Hawaiian night at New Hope Family Camp

## Czech Republic and Slovakia

We so enjoy ministering with Stanislav and Eva Bubik of No Boundaries church in Prague. Over the past two years the church has seen growth, and there is now a children's ministry. Our time there involved vision casting, trying to pin point mission statement and focus on purpose, teaching on developing a balanced program and more. The Stars Program in Southern Idaho Assembly of God churches had donated funds for the work in Czech and we were able to give a significant sum of money towards the children's

church as well as take in some puppet resources. During the week we traveled by train to Slovakia and took part in a children's outreach at Kompas Church in Nove Zamky. We were struck by the enthusiasm of the youthful congregations, and had the opportunity to be in several community outreaches with visiting worship leader Mark Saniford from Atlanta, GA.

## Ethiopia

This was our first time on the continent of Africa, and we were both very excited. Carolyn's home church, CityLife Church in Melbourne, is planting a church in the capital city of Addis Ababa. A team from CityLife has been working for the past 18 months evangelizing and gathering people. High school outreach, English classes, Computer Lab and more are being offered, and already there is a good core of people. The church officially launched in November 2010. As families are reached, so are children, and the children's ministry

is beginning to grow. A three-day seminar was held with about 35 adults from 3 other churches attended. We were thrilled at the way the people grasped the Biblical Vision for children (as in Matthew 18) and the way they were ready to move into children's ministry. We teach on the basis of "look at what you HAVE, not at what you don't have". So while there are no great resources—such as in western churches, they have creativity and the Holy Spirit to give ideas to make teaching relevant and enjoyable. They really enjoyed the creative teaching workshops and were extremely good at drama! It was a privilege to experience the mid-week



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Life Groups (held in local languages) and then the Sunday meeting (in English). We enjoyed our time with Paulos and Ababo and children, Deme and Steve and Rachael McQueen and family. They are doing a great job planting this church.

One sideline was a particular pleasure. If you have read the book "The Hospital By the River," it tells the story of Dr. Reg and Dr. Catherine Hamlin from Australia who founded the first hospital to specialize in the problems of fistula damage in young



Ababo and Paulos receiving some of the resources we brought.

women. We were able to tour the hospital and meet some of the girls. Forty years later, Catherine is still operating several times a week (at age 86) and has literally changed the lives of more than 25,000 women and girls, as well as raising the legal age of marriage. How inspirational is that! Physical help and vocational training are given and the Christian message reaches all who come in.

On the way back to the US we were able to catch up with friends in the UK and Sue's cousin, Breanna, who is a mission worker in Northern Ireland. These visits were brief, but also very timely.

The year is fast closing—Sue, joined by some Australian friends, has been able to get some spiritual refreshing at conferences, and Carolyn is back in Australia involved with Southern Cross Kids' Camps, and helping with the team going to Cambodia in January. To her surprise and delight, close friends have donated frequent flyer points to send her to Idaho for Christmas and she is hoping, of course, for SNOW.

The New Year promises more challenges and new opportunities. The schedule is being formed—along with much prayer and discussion! We never want to go anywhere for the sake of going—we have a desire to take God's presence and purpose with us and be a resource and blessing to those to whom we minister.

Photo Captions

5: Sue presenting Pastor Stanislav with funds raised by girls in the STARS Program in Idaho  
6: Carolyn with hostess Jolena, and Children's pastor, Viktorija (Slovakia)  
7: Some of the children's ministry team having fun with the puppets



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