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Camps

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Calgary

This was a "bitter-sweet" summer as we rejoiced to be able to spend time with John and Kathy Jacks and family in Calgary in June. In between ministry at the Bible College and church (Eastside City Church with Ps. Ron and Karen Leech) we hung out with the family—laughing, crying, praying. It was lovely to see Kathy surrounded by all her kids and grandkids, her eyes bright, her smile warm, never complaining as she fought her battle with cancer. We received word of her passing in August, almost with disbelief. We know where she is (with the Lord) and how she is (totally healed, pain-free and rejoicing) but with hundreds of people around the world we will so miss her friendship here and now! We were able to attend the second memorial service held in Lacey, Washington and the video that showed Kathy's life impacted us all. Please continue to pray for her husband John, and for her family. She was a remarkable lady and we look forward to our reunion in heaven.

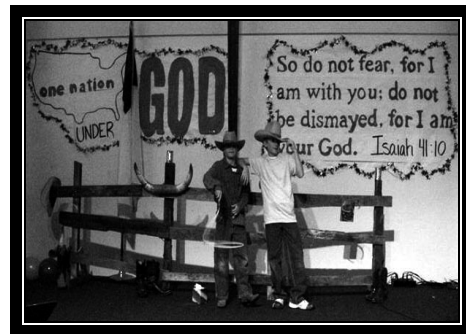


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Royal Family Kids Camp

Following our time in Calgary, we headed down to Idaho for the Royal Family Kids' Camp (for abused, neglected kids). God has honored Tom and Margaret Turco's faithfulness by providing a great camp facility at Quaker Hill in McCall. Spectacular mountains, giant ponderosa pines, beautiful Payette Lake – the kids and adults alike thoroughly enjoyed it. One counselor was heard to remark "This is the most peaceful camp we have had!" It is always a privilege to be a part of this camp and to watch little miracles (and some big ones!) happen every day. Anger controlled, confidence built, the ability to trust being restored and, best of all, kids realizing that there is a God who loves them unconditionally and sent Jesus just for them! They see that love and acceptance in the eyes, the words and the actions of the adults around them at camp.

Berachah



Back in Seattle we prepared for Camp Berachah – this large conference facility runs back-to-back camps all summer, bringing in kids from many different churches and denominations. We were to speak at a Junior Camp – about 150 9-12 yr. olds. Sue asked Michael and

Matthew Peretti to join CCM for the week as interns. Michael (13) was our sound system technician, joined in worship, and led the Quiz Master session each morning. Matthew (11) was Rodie (a rodeo clown) each night, bursting in "unexpectedly" each evening with a new gag to pull on Sue. He would then change back into Matthew and participate in worship and more. Both boys prayed for kids at the altar each night. This was one of our most difficult camps – the attitude of many of the church children attending was "entertain us" (and that seemed to be the attitude of some of the adults too.) This concerned us and we started to concentrate on the 20% non-church kids in the group. By the third night the presence of the Lord was very evident and many kids responded to their need of a Savior. Gradually the others softened too and the camp ended on a high note. It is sad when our "Christian" kids seem to lose the reality of Jesus in their lives. We encourage parents to make Jesus REAL in their home – to be natural in the way they speak of Him and to Him, and to have Him be the first resource for any problem or situation instead of the last.

Isaiah's Ranch



From here it was back to Boise. We drove to Robie Creek each day (only about 45 minutes out of Boise) to teach at Isaiah's Ranch junior day camp. What a great vision Rob and Michelle Alseth have in seeking to change the destiny of many of the kids in Mountain County, to give them a vision of hope and a future.

Each day was packed full of activity, craft, stories, puppets, great music and food and in the midst of this, God did some neat things. (Not the least being protection from a rattlesnake and poison oak right where the kids ate lunch!!)

Enterprise Oregon

Back in Seattle we drew breath before heading down to Enterprise, Oregon for a kids' crusade with Ps. John and Sandy Walther.

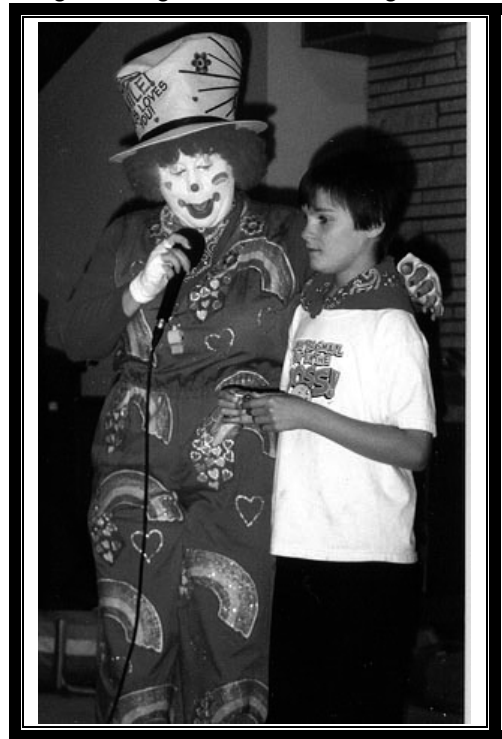


The scenery here was breath taking. Tall mountains, lakes, wild life – this area is called "Little Switzerland". We had time to take a cable car ride to the top of Mt. Howard and Carolyn was delighted to have a chipmunk walk along her arm and sit on her camera! The church is small and this was their first official kids' crusade. The children responded enthusiastically to Larry (the worm puppet) messing up Bible verse, and listened with rapt attention to Rainbow's Bible stories.

Colfax Nazarene

Following Enterprise we drove back to Eastern Washington to the town of Colfax. This is a farming community and the harvest was well underway. It was our fourth time to be with the Nazarene Church and great to meet up again with Ps. and Mrs. Don Moore. This year's theme was western and the children joined in enthusiastically dressing in cowboy gear each night. During the week we taught the Ten Commandments – God's Rules for a

Happy Life. On the third night Sue had told the children she would be calling up kids to say all ten rules. If they did this, they would win their deputy badge. The first boy up was Anthony (10) who said the rules right through and won his badge.



This would not be so extraordinary had he not been diagnosed with a similar condition to autism. His mother had been told he would never walk, talk, learn – but through his parents support and love has overcoming every obstacle. The other kids were amazed and as for the adults – there was not a dry eye in the church. A recent email from Anthony's mom reads: "Anthony is still saying the Ten Commandments. He wants me to hold my hand like a pretend microphone while he says them." Pray that Anthony would truly understand how valuable he is in God's eyes (and in our eyes!)

Hope Family Camp

On Sue's birthday we drove from Colfax to Warm Beach (north of Seattle) ready to start the Hope of God Americas Family Camp. This is our summer marathon (we often have the children up to six hours per day) but we would not miss this for

anything. Over the four years we have been at this camp we have developed good relationships with the children. They are a great group of kids – enthusiastic, creative, responsive and with a heart for God. We do enjoy the presence of God in this camp – the Senior Pastor Dr. Varun Laohaprasit and his wife Da always bless us by their humility, dedication and joyfulness. This spills over to the children – we had several kids respond to walking closer to God, opening their hearts to the Holy Spirit and being willing to change. On the final night they sang to the entire camp a beautiful song by Australian Tammy Tolman “I want to be like you, I’m changing day by day, teach me Lord, show me how, to grow to be more like You.”



The next two weeks were service-free and it is always good to see how God arranges breaks when we most need them. We were physically tired and it was good to have a few days break before Sue underwent outpatient surgery. This was successful but meant that she needed to take things easy for a week or so and we had this time available.

Boise Conference

After a Family Service at Fall City, we packed up the car and headed once more to Idaho. Our time was spent catching up with several friends, visiting Ps. Mark Bryan (Church of the Harvest) who had ministered at one of Carolyn's early Ministry to Children Seminar in Melbourne, celebrating Sue's sister De Ann's birthday and spending

time with family. Our purpose in being in Boise was primarily to speak at a children's ministry conference organized by Ps. Helen Cambra (Global Outreach). This was hosted by Sue's home church Central Assembly and it was good to see people from many churches around the Treasure Valley attend. We hope that this may continue as an annual ministry event. Our weekend finished with Sue preaching at Central (Ps. Ted and Linda Buck) and we headed back to Federal Way just in time for Carolyn to pack.



What's Next?

As we write this, Carolyn is back in Australia and Sue is in Seattle. We are writing curriculum for Southern Cross Kids' Camps and preparing for our time in India. Please pray for safety in travel and during our time there. We fly to India on October 25th and will be traveling in Northern India where Carolyn's home church (Waverley Christian Fellowship) in conjunction with Compassion for India is in the process of planting a church. We will train local workers during the week and then have them participate in a children's outreach. The next week we will be with missionary friends further east, in training national workers and ministering in schools. Sue returns to Seattle November 16th and Carolyn to Australia via Singapore.



Coming Events

Oct 26th-Sept. 16th

India

Carolyn & Sue

Church Planting and Worker Training

December

Australia

Carolyn

USA

Sue

Ministering in our home churches

January

Australia

Southern Cross Kids Camps

Carolyn

USA

Sue

Open for Booking

February

Australia & Malaysia

Training Workers &

Kids Programs

Sue & Carolyn

March -April

Australia

Conferences &

Children's Programs

Carolyn and Sue

May

Australia

Carolyn

USA

Sue

Open for Booking

June

New Zealand - USA

Sue

Conference / Camps

Australia – USA

Carolyn

Camps

Please Pray:

- India – for responsive people, for national workers to catch a vision for children and for children to respond.
- Pray for our health and safety during this trip.
- Pray for Sue's parents – for their house to sell at the right price and for their health.
- Pray for financial commitments to be met



Booking Information:

We are scheduled as pastors and leaders contact us throughout the year expressing a desire for us to come.

After prayerful consideration, we organize our schedule accordingly.

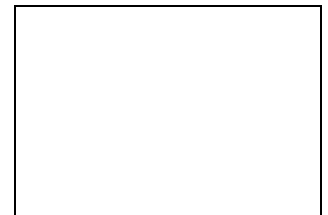
Because of the high demand for some months in certain cultures, we encourage your organization to contact us well in advance if possible. An informational packet can be sent to you upon request.

Booking addresses and numbers are located on page one of this newsletter.

Thank you for your encouragement to us over the last three months. We so appreciate your friendship and prayers.

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