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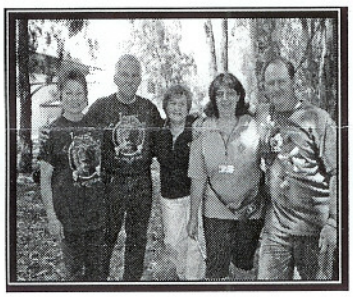
APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

We have had some of the busiest and most varied times of ministry in the first quarter of the year. Carolyn was involved with several of the Southern Cross Kids' Camps, attending the Emerald Camp for the first time and visiting the others in Knox, Casey and Yarra Ranges. It is so humbling to see the faithfulness of the volunteers, many of whom come to camp every year to give some very needy children a week of happy childhood memories. It was especially exciting to have Tom and Margaret Turco who direct the Royal Family Kids' Camp, come over to help with the Casey Camp. They are outstanding people who radiate God's love for these kids.



From left: Margaret and Tom Turco, Carolyn, Chris and Mike Appleby (Casey Camp Directors)

TASMANIA

Sue flew in on Australia Day – we welcomed her with a huge Ozzie flag and she came off the plane decked out in a Seahawks top and hat and whooping "Go Seahawks!" Certainly was the most colourful arrival that day. After just a few days to catch up time-wise we took the overnight car ferry to Tasmania. We were blessed by being upgraded to an outside cabin – that meant we had a window and it was nice to look out at the stars as we sailed through the night. Ministry in Tasmania involved the following:

City Light Church, Kingston:	Training Seminar, Family Service.
Huonville Christian Assembly :	Family Camp
St. Helen's Christian Fellowship:	Combined churches beach outreach
	Family service
	Schools (public and Christian)
Georgetown Baptist Church:	Family Service
MFI Conference:	Workshops

Ice-breaker for delegates at the City Light training seminar.

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THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES...

Melbourne hosted the March 15th-26th Commonwealth Games with athletes flying in from 71 nations. We were delighted to attend two sessions – one was for Gymnastics and the other for Track at the main stadium, the Melbourne Cricket Ground or "The G". As a lead-up to the games, Christian teams under the direction of Quest trained for evangelism on the streets of Melbourne during Games time. It was exciting to see people from many Churches and organizations get involved: the Salvation Army, Fusion, YWAM, Anglican Church, Seventh Day Adventists and City Life Church were some of the main participants. CCM was involved with several training sessions – two days with World Impact at CityLight and then participating in the Quest boot camp prior to the opening of the Games. Sue shared a great key session on "Collision of Coincidence" talking about the divine appointments that the Lord was arranging for this time. Subsequent testimonies have proved this to be true! We were also involved with training in clowning and in balloon sculptures.

Balloon class for Quest Games outreach

Sue was an honorary Aussie for the duration of the Games.

The atmosphere around the city was unique. People smiled more, were less impatient, friendlier and helpful. So many were open to talk about their faith, their search for God. "Live Spots" around the city hosted drama teams, music groups, areas for face painting, balloons etc. for kids and the Quest Teams were involved in many of these. Other teams headed for rural areas leading Kids' Games [some of the sporting events took place in regional centres] and these opened many doors for future ministry – and so there is a ripple effect occurring beyond the Closing Ceremony.

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SCHOOLS:

The lead-up to Easter is always a great opportunity to share in state schools. We include puppets, Rainbow the Clown, great objects lessons and a good mix of humour and truth. With three sessions a day, it keeps us on our toes. We did 10 state school assemblies and 1 Christian School in the lead week up to Easter covering over 1500 kids and staff.

KIDSREACH CONFERENCE:

David Goodwin runs an outstanding conference in New Zealand each year and we were privileged to have been a part of that in 2004/5. This year Kidsreach launched a new conference in Sydney. With Sue taking two key sessions and a segment with Larry Funzel (puppet). Carolyn took three workshops. It was a challenging time. It is always a stretch to reach into new areas of ministry and to find just what the Lord wants us to share. We need to keep growing all the time. Carolyn was surprised when she was one of the recipients of The Key award during the conference. It was an award recognizing excellence in contributing to children's ministries in Australia.

MINSK

In our last letter we shared on our visit to Minsk, in Belarus. Our friend Rae is currently in Australia and hopes to return early May. Please pray for her – the elections in Belarus have caused many problems, and the government is tightening up on the numbers of foreigners being allowed in. Two Australian families working there had their visa renewals refused in the last few weeks. Pray that Rae will be allowed to return and that the programs she is involved in will continue.

WHAT HAS GOD BEEN SAYING?

- Be flexible (hold things lightly- be willing to go a different way)
- Check your attitudes (don't judge!)
- Trust Him ESPECIALLY when you can't see what's around the corner
- More doors are to open and exciting times are ahead (word given to us during a conference)

PRAISE and PRAYER!

- Miracles in the way of donations towards Sue's car replacement. She was able to get a Subaru Forester.

- Please continue to pray for Sue's dad – he has had several bad MS episodes. Also for her mother who is the main care giver.

An amazing three-month ministry in Australia has drawn to a close. Since my arrival January 26th Carolyn and I have been privileged to minister to more than 4,000 Kids, Youth, and Adults!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. This ministry is a team effort and we know the challenges we face are made easier knowing all the faithful friends who are praying for us.

Isa. 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

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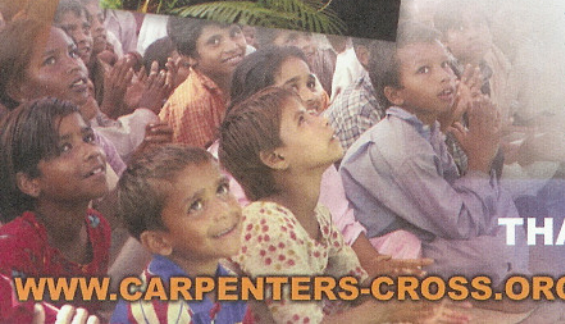
upcoming schedule



MAY JUNE JULY SCHEDULE

COMING UP IN MAY.....

Sue:

- Ladies' Retreat weekend (combined churches)
- Family time in Boise
- Preparation for summer ministries in U.S.

Carolyn:

- Southern Cross Kids' Camp (Directors' Training) – Wollongong
- Perspectives Course (CityLife Church)
- Preparation for summer ministries in U.S. Carolyn flies into USA on June 16th

SUMMER U.S SCHEDULE:

June 19-23	Isaiah's Ranch – Summer Kids Camp, Idaho City, Idaho
July 2-7	Royal Family Kids Camp – McCall, Idaho
July 13-16	Miracle Mountain Kids Camp, Idaho
July 16-20	New Hope Intl Family Camp, Washington
July 23-27	Colfax Nazarene Kids Crusade, Washington

THANK YOU for your encouragement, prayers and support.
We love and appreciate each one of you!

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