

Carpenter's Cross ministries

MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

AUSTRALIA.....

Three Southern Cross Kids' Camps were held in January and two in April [camps for kids in foster care, or within the social welfare system]. These camps reached children from Emerald, Queensland, the cities of Knox, Casey and Yarra Ranges in Victoria and Wollongong, NSW. Carolyn headed up the Directors' Training course hosted by the Knox camp. This will lead to the establishment of two new camps in 2008 with the possibility of others in the future. We are excited at the growth and would ask for prayers for the infrastructure to be in place for such growth. If anyone knows of a retired bank manager who would like to assist us, please let Carolyn know!

A highlight of the Yarra Ranges camp was the return of one of the campers from the inaugural camp in 2001. This time he was a buddy and did an outstanding job. Another highlight was the return of Tom Turco (Idaho camp director) who brought two of his team (Jerry and Henry) to participate in camp as buddies. All three did so well and were great role models to the younger workers at the Yarra Ranges camp.

CAMBODIA

January 31 we flew into Phnom Penh for our fifth ministry time there. We are privileged to have a relationship with New Life Church in Phnom Penh, and with Jesse and Soar McCaul who pastor the main church. New Life has planted many village churches throughout the provinces over the years and we are impressed with the hearts of the leaders here. National pastors travel to the provinces to encourage the local pastors. Our role here has been primarily to help develop the children's ministries of the church. From modeling programs to training national workers we have seen good things happening. This time we put as much into the children's pastor as possible, evaluating programs, meeting with his team, answering questions, sharing in workshops and teaching English.

Some of the highlights during our time in Phnom Penh:

- Watching Joy Club – a weekly outreach program for street kids.
- Seeing relationships developing between workers and these very needy children
- Sensing the enthusiasm and absolute commitment of Vimean [Children's Pastor] and team as they outreach to the children of Phnom Penh.
- The early morning prayer meeting – the presence of God was very real.
- Times of good fellowship with Jesse, Soar, Cynde, Kaitlyn and Micah McCaul.
- Seeing the spiritual development in some of the young leaders.

Pray for:

- Children's Pastor Vimean (pictured)
- Jesse and Soar as they head up a growing group of churches
- National leaders – for maturity and wisdom
- The thousands of street children trying to survive in Phnom Penh



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MALAYSIA

We were delighted to spend a week in Kuala Lumpur at New Life Restoration Church in P.J. Jeremiah Yap who came to Australia to study at university started this church over 25 years ago. It is now the 'mother' church of several other churches throughout Malaysia, plus other works in Russia, Myanmar, China and India. Ps. Ron Hee is now the senior man at NLRC while Ps. Jeremiah oversees the entire group in an apostolic function. Our role here was varied:

- Meet with children's workers for a morning in what was entitled "Heart to Heart with Sue and Carolyn". This entailed sharing a motivational workshop and then answering specific questions to address individual difficulties in children's ministry. The session concluded with personal prayer ministry to each person.
- A 9 to 5 children's workers seminar
- Sunday morning services: Carolyn ministering to the adults, Sue to the children
- Fellowship with "old" friends – all of who had returned to Malaysia after time in CityLife as students (then known as Waverley Christian Fellowship).

Our thanks to Ps. Patrick Lai and to Children's Pastor Yoke Yong who organised our itinerary and met us at the airport with flowers! See pictures on following page.



Sue, Patrick Lai & Carolyn



Reunion Dinner: Back row: Ron Hee, Christine and Kuan Yee Yau, Lawrence Chen, Chin Ban Lee.

Front row: Grace Hee, Carolyn, Sue, Lip Yee Chen, Yin Chun Lee.

CONFERENCES and CHURCHES:

These last months have been heavy with conferences and churches.

- Kidsreach Conference, Sydney
- Tabor College, Sydney
- New Life Church, Greystanes
- Ministry To Children Seminar, Melbourne
- Ministers Fellowship International Conference – Melbourne
- Turning Point Christian Church – Cranbourne, Vic.
- Life Groups – City Life
- Victory Christian Centre – Chester Hill, Sydney
- REACH Community Church – Melbourne
- HOPE Church – Melbourne
- World Impact Conference – CityLife Church, Melbourne



**Rainbow with Kids
At Reach Community**

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Cambodian Christmas Miracle

As Told By Vimean,
Cambodian Children's Pastor



"A few months ago we had a Christmas Party in Joy Club (a club for kids who live on the street). We had 340 children in Joy Club. We had food to give to all of them. And we count the children and there was still over 80 children and only 50 bags of food to give to all of them. Then I asked my staff to go to the market and get more food. We still keep giving the food that we have.

We just give to the children, just give and give and then we look at the food and it's still have and the children still getting the food. We can give all the food and it's never end, all the food! Over 80 children and the food's never end, it's not end! And we look at the food and we still have 10 bags of food left and I told my staff to come back we don't have to buy the food. We have

U.S.A.

June 18-22

July 1-6

July 12-15

July 16-19

July 22-26

JUNE - JULY SCHEDULE:

Mountain Kids Day Camp –
Idaho City, Idaho

Royal Family Kids Camp
McCall, Idaho

Miracle Mountain Kids Camp
Grangeville, Idaho

New Hope Intl Family Camp
Warm Beach Conference Center
Stanwood, Washington

Colfax Nazarene Kids Crusade
Colfax, Washington

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR:

1. The Lord's provision of a new laptop for Carolyn
2. Friends who have blessed us with refreshing when we needed to recharge our "creative juices"

And just what IS up ahead?

Following school programs, churches and the World Impact Conference Sue flies to the US. She has a Women's Retreat in Washington State before driving to Boise, Idaho for some time with her family. She will be back in June preparing for US summer ministries.

Carolyn will be in Melbourne involved in SCKC curriculum development, speaking at Perspectives, participating in the World Impact Camp (CityLife) and sharing in churches. She will fly to the US on June 13 in time for the first camp for disadvantaged kids just a few days later.

We would both appreciate your prayers for continued wisdom and anointing in ministry, safety in travel and health for our bodies.

Your encouragement and support are appreciated so much by both of us.

WHAT HAS GOD BEEN SAYING?

- Don't settle for "second best" in ministry. The latest hi-tech programming will NEVER take the place of God's presence.
- Train and equip aiming at moving from head to heart – knowledge of truth to conviction of truth.
- A growing awareness of the plight of children worldwide: poverty, hunger, war. We can ALL do SOMETHING.
- Stop and take a reality check from time to time – have some "down" time to prevent "break-down time" ☺
- Be flexible and open to whatever He has up ahead.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR...

- Dale & Bertha – strength and healing
- Healing for Sue's extended family members
- Sue and Carolyn – for continued health, wisdom and anointing, also as they pray about future ministry opportunities

Blessings,

Sue Carpenter and Carolyn Boyd

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upcoming schedule

Twenty years ago this month, Sue took a 'leap of faith' and stepped out of a secure position on church staff in her home town of Boise, Idaho. She moved to Seattle and launched an itinerant ministry working with churches in reaching children and training and equipping children's workers. The early years were a test of faith but as Sue puts it: "The safest place for you to be is in the center of God's will for your life". And over the years this has proven true. CCM (Carpenter's Cross Ministries) has traveled to many countries including India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Czech Republic, China and more, training national workers and inspiring people everywhere with passion for kids. Congrats Sue – seen here cutting her cake and talking to Larry (AKA Carolyn). Coincidentally Larry chalks up 10 years and Carolyn 15 as part of the CCM team.



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

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