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Southern Cross Kids Camp:

By Carolyn Boyd

Thirty-six excited children attended the third annual SCKC this January and once more we saw God move on many of these young lives. Our volunteer staff of 35 buddies and 18 staff people did a fantastic job being "Jesus with skin on" to our kids. Three people from Idaho joined us, along with three from central Queensland [we are believing for SCKC to start there in a year or so!] Reports from social workers and foster parents are coming in remarking at the change in attitudes and outlooks of some of these children.

"(child's name) has shown great interest in reading his Bible and wants to go to Sunday School. I am planning to find one nearby and make sure he gets there." [Foster parent]

"The boys have come back from camp with such a different attitude. It is like they got a chance to experience childhood again. When it looked like a fight was about to happen I put on the CD they brought from camp and within seconds the fight was forgotten and they were singing and doing the actions to the songs. Thank you!" [Mother]

Dave and Tammy Tolman launched the first SCKC in NSW in April with 17 children from the Wollongong area and we were privileged to be a small part of that. There were challenges and changes throughout the week and another excellent tradition has been established and will surely grow. During the same week Mike and Chris Appleby launched the Casey Camp in another area of Melbourne. They had

30 children attend with the promise of more to come in future years and reports from this camp are "great", "amazing", "fantastic" from staff, buddies and kids! It is exciting to see what God is doing through these camps which are modeled on Royal Family Kids' Camps in the US.

[Campers identities in articles & photos are protected]



SCKC Sydney Birthday Party

Cambodia

February Ministry:

Sue arrived from Seattle on January 28th and the following evening we returned to the airport for the 1 a.m. flight to Bangkok where we would connect with a Thai Airlines flight to Phnom Penh. God's timing is always exact, and when we arrived in Bangkok to be told that all flights to Phnom Penh were cancelled due to riots, we wondered just what He had in mind. After just three hours in the airport hotel we were told that we could get in via Mandarin Airlines. Telephone lines in Phnom Penh were down, but at last we managed to contact Chuck McCaul who heads up New Life

Centre/Foundation, and his wife Cynde drove out to pick us up.



Burned Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh

The city had seen riots with several hundred Cambodian students razed the Thai embassy, large international hotel, several Thai-owned businesses (including the phone company!) and generally went on a rampage with absolutely no interference from the military. However, the rest of our time there was strife free and we saw the Lord do some good things in the hearts of His people.

The major aim of our time in Phnom Penh was to teach and train Cambodian workers from the villages, which have been outreached by New Life.



Cambodian Roadside Stall

Workers from most of the outreaches traveled to Phnom Penh and were hosted by the church for the duration of the training program. I explained to them on the first day that at the end of

the course we would be travelling to a village to run a one hour children's program. This would consist of music, games, gospel presentation, challenge, prayer, drama and puppets. And that neither Sue, nor myself, nor our interpreters would be taking the program. It was to be run by the students. The response was unexpected - they clapped and cheered, SO excited to be able to minister in this way. (In our experience in our own countries, many would respond "Who me? Not me - I can't!")



Students Learn Puppetry

Our teaching stretched us along with our students. How to make a Bible story come alive in a village setting?



Cardboard Sword & Shield for Saul & David Skit

What visual aids do we have? Bamboo, banana leaves, sticks, stones - amazing what you CAN do with what you do have!

God's principle with Moses was a reality here. "What do you have in your hand?" and that's what God uses.

Our teaching approach was extremely "hands on" with a minimum of lecturing. Students worked in pairs, in threes, in groups of four and six learning how to "brainstorm" and

discovering a depth of creativity they did not realize they had.



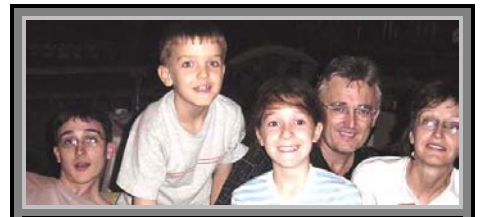
Village Outreacch

The end result was a great outreach that was enjoyed by more than 100 children in a village outside PP that has just commenced a regular church service. Now there will be something for the children also.

We also had the opportunity of travelling with Chuck to another village where an orphanage/school had started a church. The congregation was mainly the younger teens who were very keen to continue the church. Chuck is looking at helping this continue and we enjoyed our time taking a segment of the service.

We want to commend Chuck and Cynde McCaul for their vision for Cambodia and for the fruit of their labors.

This fruit is easily seen in not just the numbers of Cambodian people finding the Lord through the many programs of New Life Centre, but in the quality of the leadership Chuck and Cynde are raising and training. The entire McCaul family is a blessing to this nation and it was a blessing for Sue and I to have the privilege of ministering with them at this time.



The McCaul Family – Cambodia

February - April

Back in Australia we have been busy in schools, churches and conferences. At Carolyn's home church (Waverley Christian Fellowship) we ministered in several chapel services for the Christian College. The primary age children were delighted to find that Larry (Carolyn's puppet) now has a girlfriend, Clarice. Larry! Ministry this year has been mainly in the states of Victoria and New South Wales. Clarice doesn't say much, but her brief appearances have an amazing effect on Larry! Ministry this year has been mainly in the states of Victoria and New South Wales.

CONFERENCES

The Ministry to Children Seminar (Sue was the key speaker - and only speaker - when this commenced 14 years ago) was again excellent with key speaker Larry Williams from the US along with Sue and others. We were both kept busy with electives and ministering at the Friday night special.

Ministers' Fellowship Intl. led by Kevin Conner is always a time of encouragement, great fellowship and further equipping and this year we were asked to share a workshop on "Reaching the Next Generation."

The World Impact Conference was very challenging and we were privileged to listen to Jackie Pullinger (author of Chasing the Dragon) who has ministered to the drug addicts and street people of Hong Kong for many years. Her challenge to "do what Jesus did and reach out to the poor" was very impacting. During this conference WCF officially recognized Sue as an "associate missions worker". This means we can now have a photo of both of us on the Missions Board in the church!!

The Chapel of Hope's Annual Women's Conference was again held in Leavenworth, WA. This year's theme was "Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy Club". As you can see by the photo below, the ladies had a joyful time and refreshed their hearts in God's promises for their lives and their families.



"Happy Joy Club"

HEART SURGERY GIFTS...

Do you remember last year's report on China? We mentioned two young children in an orphanage who require major heart surgery. The estimated cost is \$5000 U.S. per child. So far \$2,500 U.S. dollars has been pledged towards these surgeries. If you would be interested in contributing to this vital need, please let us know. Pray about this and contact us at the address most appropriate for your country location. In the U.S., your donation would be tax deductible - sorry Aussies, but God gives good recognition too!



Kids Desperately Needing Surgery

FAMILY UPDATE:

My parents are getting ready to make a move. Their current home is a tri-level, not viable as my dad battles with MS

and so they are anticipating a new home. Please pray for my Dad's mobility and for Mom as she prepares the house for sale.

Carolyn's Aunt Marion is now living at Graceview Lodge in Moe (about 1 1/2 hours drive from Melbourne). This is a great improvement in driving time, but the best thing is that she is close to her only brother who is able to visit often. Please pray for her as colder weather approaches - she has had pneumonia during her last two winters.

PRAYER NEEDED...we continue to uphold the Jacks Family (Calgary, AL). Kathy has completed all available treatment for the tumor and really is in God's hands. Please pray for her and John and for her family.

Summer Schedule

June

VCAG, Fall City, WA
Calgary Bible College wkshps, Canada
Royal Family Kids Camp, ID

July

Camp Berachah, WA
Isaiah's Ranch Day Camp, ID
Enterprise, OR
Chapel of Hope, WA (TBC)

August

Colfax Nazarene, WA
Warm Beach Camp - Hope of Seattle, WA

September

VCAG, Fall City, WA
Missions Training for Children's Workers Conference, ID

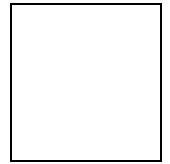


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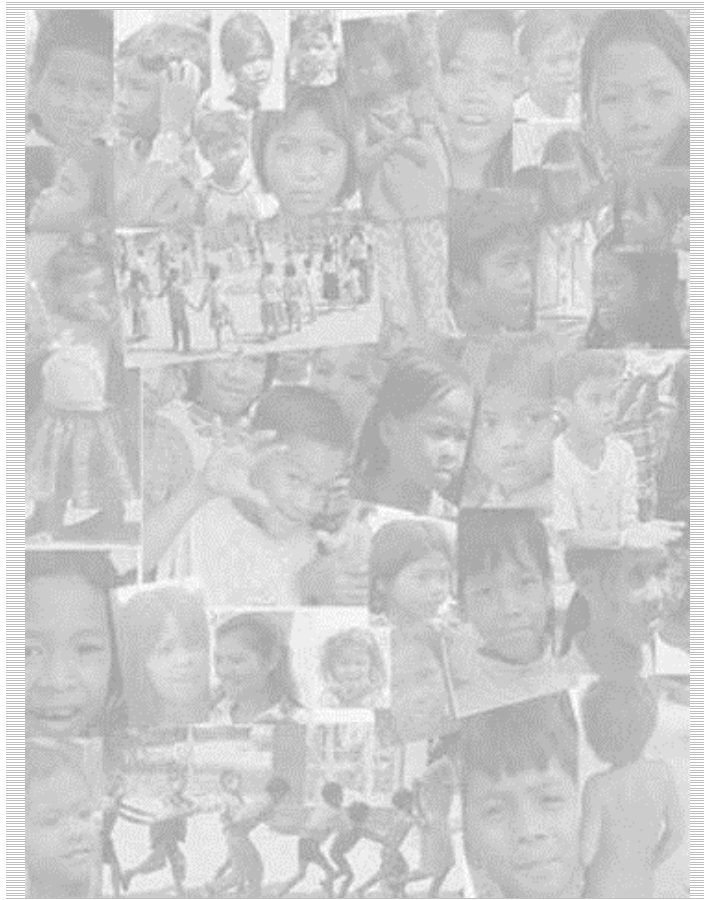
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