

Carpenter's Cross ministries

May 2008 NEWSLETTER

Compassion visit....



What a privilege to be able to visit the kids we sponsor each month through Compassion. Carolyn spent time with 15 yr old Kittiphum, visiting his school, meeting his aunt, taking him for lunch and dinner. Great to know that he is a keen guitar student and active in the local church youth group.

Sue's little boy Yim (meaning "smile") was a cuddle bug! He loved the toy zebra and the soccer ball she gave him. Please pray for Arn, our Buddhist interpreter. Her heart was touched during our time with her and we believe she is not far from responding to the gospel. Also pray for the Project Office staff – we were the first sponsors to visit. We ended up sharing one of our workshops and then having an awesome prayer time.



Another prayer request is for Kittisak – the first child Sue sponsored. Last December his father placed him in a temple, apprenticed to the head monk. Sue was able to visit and share on God's love for him. She also gave him a comic book Thai Bible and some other literature.

Our prayer for Kittisak:

"We are confident that He who has begun a good work in you, will carry it on to completion." Philippians 1:6



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Thai Street Kids

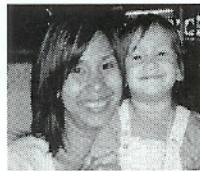
The number of children calling the streets of any city "home" is growing in alarming numbers – and we don't just mean in third-world countries. In Australia the estimated 100,000 homeless includes 10,000 'children'. As we write the newsletter we are in central Queensland, Australia and at least two families live under the local bridge. Somehow the church becomes a part of the answer to the needs of these. Of course we know that Jesus IS the answer to the greatest need, but we become His hands in meeting the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and practical assistance. Many churches are responding to the call in their local areas, and we have had the privilege of working alongside some of these already this year.



Pastor Noom from Rivers of Life Church in Bangkok has a team working in a squatter area of the city. One man heard the news of Jesus and responded. He was so excited that he asked the church to send some workers to the area. Each Saturday morning a children's program is held, and now a church has been started in the squatter area, meeting needs where they are at!

Cambodia

Cambodia has been close to our heart for many years. We have cemented friendships with the McCaul family who head up the New Life Church in Phnom Penh and have good fellowship with many of the Cambodian pastors and their families. On our sixth visit this February we were involved in running training workshops for children's workers brought into the central church from their villages in the provinces. We believe that this type of training is most effective with much 'hands-on' practical workshops. At the conclusion of the week, they participated in an outreach program to street kids. Our prayer is that they will take a vision for children and some practical skills back to their villages that many more children will be reached with the gospel.



Jesse and Soar McCaul with daughter Jessica.

Children's workers at training.

Find out more about New Life church at www.cambodiaoutreach.com

PRAYER NEEDS:

- Sue's parents – Dale has been in hospital three times since Sue left the US. Her mother is finding caring more and more difficult and her sister De Ann has been shouldering the burden. Sue will spend the next four weeks with her parents giving De Ann some relief. We continue to ask God for a miracle – that the progressive MS will be halted.
- Continued wisdom and health for us as we travel.
- Financial support for the replacement of Carolyn's car before the end of the year.

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HOPE OF GOD CHURCH – Bangkok

We were happy to minister with some of the Hope Churches at a Children's Ministries training seminar. It was about 12 years since we had been here and it was so good to meet old friends plus some new ones. Hope Church looked after us so well and we thank the Senior Pastor, and Children's workers for their care. Special thanks to Jibby and Pinky who acted as P.A.'s, anticipating our every need. It is always good to see churches flow together and delegates at the seminar came from several different streams of churches in the city.



Sue with Nuey, who interpreted for us.



Hope Church delegates.



Pinky and Jibby looked after us.

SOUTHERN CROSS KIDS' CAMP

We believe the Lord is really moving with SCKC. Thanks to Back In Motion Health Group, SCKC now has an office in Boronia, which is staffed by part-time workers and volunteers. In 2009 eight camps will run: four in Victoria, two in NSW, one in Qld and one in New Zealand, with a two more possible in the future. The vision for ten camps by 2010 is right on track! The next test will be "camps in every state and territory by the year 2020"

CAROLYN'S HOUSE MAKEOVER!

Carolyn was chosen for a home makeover by the Knox Community Care arm of CityLife Church. Throughout the day more than 65 volunteers came to work in her garden edging weeding and pruning, paint the house trim, sand and paint the deck - replacing the rotted stairs, and paint her bedroom and ensuite. What a blessing! She was overwhelmed at the generosity of the people. It was something she would have never been able to do herself!



WORLD IMPACT MISSIONS CONFERENCE

One of the highlights of Sue's time in Australia is the mission's conference hosted by CityLife Church. We are both affiliated with the church's missions department, World Impact. Not only do we receive good spiritual input, but also getting together with missions workers is an added bonus. During one session, the leadership team of the church joined with us, praying for us and giving each person a personal word of encouragement. For those who work in far off nations, this is invaluable. Thanks CityLife – we appreciate your support in so many areas – pastoral care, sound counsel, prayer and financial assistance.

AUSTRALIA....

CCM continues to minister in conferences, churches and schools. This year has seen us in Victoria, New South Wales, and Central Queensland speaking in family services, training workers, running outreach programs and more. While Sue returns to the US end April, Carolyn will concentrate on Southern Cross Kids' Camps before going to the US in mid-June for summer camps.



Indigenous children enjoy Sue's action songs



Holiday Program ballooning in 3Ci in Emerald, Qlds

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upcoming schedule

Schedule:

May

Sue in Boise Carolyn in Melbourne (SCKC)

June

5th-7th

Sue: Chapel of Hope Women's Retreat,
Washington. Carolyn: Southern Cross Kids Camps

13th-15th

Carolyn: Activ8 Conference Melbourne

16th

Carolyn Flies USA

16th-20th

Isaiah's Ranch Kids Camp, Idaho

23rd-27th

New Hope VeBS, Washington

29th-July 4th

Royal Family Kids Camp, Idaho

July

9th-13th

Miracle Mountain Kids Camp, Idaho

14th-17th

New Hope Family Camp, Washington

20th-24th

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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