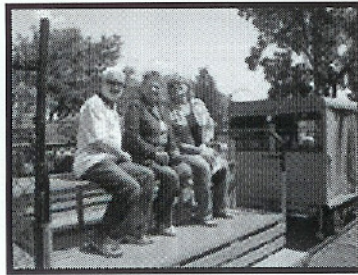


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October 2008 NEWSLETTER



Graeme and Angela Jones
with Sue

Friends from Australia, Graeme and Angela Jones, arrived in the U.S.A. for a quick visit with us. We enjoyed their company immensely and were able to visit Snoqualmie Falls, Snoqualmie Railway Museum, the Museum of Glass as well as walks at Redondo Beach (Puget Sound) and breakfast at The Black Bear Diner.

From Sue: "Summer (in the US) was a busy but fulfilling ministry time for us both. In June I headed to Idaho to start with the first of the summer camps. This is held at Camp Ivydale in Idaho City, and all of the activities take place in the open. The chapel area is very rustic; with a temporary platform area constructed each year. With Carolyn's plane connection delayed, I did the first two days of ministry. The children were hanging out to see Larry (Carolyn's puppet friend). I had some interesting conversations with one little boy who wanted to know where he was. As Larry is a worm, I reminded him that Larry would have to tunnel his way here. He thought about that for a moment then said, "Did you feel that?" I asked what he meant and he replied, "I thought I felt the earth shake a little. Do you think that could be Larry?" I told him "Maybe!" Carolyn (and Larry) made it for the rest of the week and everyone was happy!"

From Carolyn: "This year the flight over seemed extra long. In San Francisco my flight to Seattle was delayed...and delayed...until I had spent almost 9 hours in the airport! By the time I reached Seattle, my flight to Boise had gone. I caught a cab to Sue's apartment and fell into bed. Pastor Ron Peretti picked me up early in the morning and got me back to the airport to finally make it to Boise! It was good to be met by Tom and Margaret Turco (RFKC) and to finally get to be with my adopted family. Sue's dad had been in and out of hospital this year and this has been a testing time not only for him, but also for Sue's mom and De Ann and John. We appreciate your prayers for them all."

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CAMPS.....

When we are asked to speak at camps we always offer the inviting church several themes. Alternately, we write a new theme to fit in with the church's need. This year we used themes on "Olympics", "Construction" & "Lights - Camera - Action"

We had a lot of fun with the movie theme, Lights - Camera - Action. First came the decorations - one of the churches managed to obtain a loan of a spotlight which was on stage - it was used to 'welcome' kids as they came in & we both had a lot of fun operating it! Also a large camera prop on tripod was made for us adding to the stage area. Along the walls we unfurled a Hollywood backdrop, & also lined other walls with a 50 ft mock filmstrip. We stuck photos of kids taken at each session along this filmstrip, & these could be taken home at the end of the week - the kids loved it! And how does this theme fit in with us as Christians? We are glad you asked!

LIGHTS - God's light shining in our hearts to show us the truth. We looked at the experiences of Peter "Lord, you are the Christ!" & Paul on the road to Damascus.

CAMERA - God's eyes watching our lives - always ready to help, to intervene on our behalf, to give us direction. The Bible stories we looked at were two of the 'Storm stories' in the Bible. The first, Jesus is asleep in the boat as his disciples row across the Sea of Galilee. The storm that comes is so severe that even the experienced fishermen fear they will drown. They wake Jesus who simply speaks to the storm, tells it to stop & it does. The second story was Paul's experience in another storm - a storm that results in a shipwreck but that spares all on board as they obey God's instructions. This storm didn't go away - but God took them through it for a purpose - so that the people of Malta could hear the "good news". This is the way God answers prayers when we are in dire circumstances - sometimes He changes the circumstances (the storm), & at other times He takes us through the circumstances. Either way, it's a miracle. It was during one of these sessions a grandmother who had brought her grand-children to the program, responded to accept Christ.

ACTION - how we live our lives as Christians. We concentrated on godly character and attitude, looking at Paul and Silas in jail (they continued to praise the Lord and follow their calling) and also looked at missionaries we know who are serving God and making a difference. We challenged the kids to resolve to "make a difference" in their family, school, community and world.



CAROLYN'S MIRACLE CAR

Here it is!!!! Isn't she a beauty? Praise the Lord - He works in amazing ways! This blessing comes from many people - some unknown, others known - who together have made this possible. It truly IS a miracle! (Check Carolyn's Blog)

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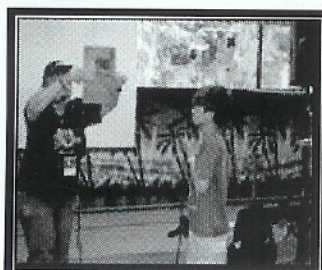
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Sue with camp director,
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"...teach their children, so the next generation would know them (the statutes & decrees of god) even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God."



At the New Hope International Church Family Camp, we included a segment on "Hearing From God". We asked the children to draw what they thought of while quiet worship music was playing. Here Nathan explains his drawing to Sue. "I thought of Noah's Ark...and here's the dove...like the Holy Spirit. I'm not sure why I thought of drawing the ark but I think there's a Bible verse that says, "As it was in the days of Noah..." Out of the mouths of babes!



Many of you would know Sue's alter ego "Rainbow". This year Rainbow did a night for the kids at RFKC in McCall, and a week for Colfax Church of the Nazarene. Kids young and old respond to this clown – and perhaps the highlight was seeing a grandma respond at one of the altar calls.



Kids singing inside the Meeting Tent

MIRACLES still happen!

It's almost like stepping back into time.....a mountaintop, a tent, an old piano and a bunch of committed people with a desire to see kids impacted by the reality of Jesus Christ. The Miracle Mountain Camp reaches kids from Grangeville to Boise who come up the mountain for a week with Jesus. The kids have a great time fishing, playing crazy games, making craft projects and studying God's Word. Services include enthusiastic praise and worship, good prayer times and always anointed teaching (said with all humility – God's presence is just there).

Small miracles: Can you believe we each lost an earring at the camp? Coming back up the mountain next day one of the camp counselors got chatting and we mentioned the coincidence. She stopped and prayed "Lord, You know where they are – please show them." We thanked her and she headed off to breakfast. I took two steps and looked down – there in the grass and pine needles of the Idaho woods I saw a glint of gold. My earring! One minute later there was a cry from Sue – "I've found mine too!" Who says God isn't concerned about the small things? By the way, there were big miracles too – healing, salvation, the infilling of the Holy Spirit – changing hearts and changing lives.

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upcoming schedule



Oct. – Jan.

Oct. 18th
24th – 24th
25th
Nov. 22nd
Dec 25th

Sue in USA Carolyn in Australia

Sue Chapel of Hope Women's Tea
Carolyn SCKC Dir. Summit
Knox Camp Training
Knox Camp Training
Sue – Central Assembly Boise, Idaho
Carolyn Northside Church

SUE'S FAMILY UPDATE My dad's had a hard year with several trips to hospital with infections. And of course this places a big strain on my mom as caregiver. My sister & her husband are towers of strength to both dad & mom. I try to go to Boise as often as I can. Our birthdays in August are the 4th & 7th. Dad had been bedfast for the most part of four weeks. But he rallied that week and we were able to get him from bed to his motorized chair on the day of his birthday & again on my birthday. A physiotherapist from the hospital came to the house & worked with Dad for over an hour. The exercises she gave him significantly helped. We thank the Lord for this provision. As his better leg strengthens, he can pivot more easily from bed to the motor chair where he has not only the freedom of the house, but an opportunity to get to church via an accessible van. I would appreciate your continued prayers for both dad and mom at this time.

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