

# Carpenter's Cross Ministries

2014 Outreach



**Each New Year** brings opportunities. Opportunities to impact nations, to be world changers. Opportunities in small moments that come simply because we were willing to position ourselves in obedience and sacrifice. Last January during the fourteen hour flight to Australia I had a dream. I saw Jesus. I saw the bleeding nail punctures in his hands. Then I saw Him dip His finger in the blood and write with it. He was writing the names of people for healing. I remember thinking it's not only that he wrote our names for salvation from sin but from **every** work of the enemy. This was especially impacting due to Carolyn's battle with cancer. She had finished her first round of chemotherapy and was in radiation treatment when I landed. In between doctor appointments the ministry in Australia continued (Carolyn joining in when possible). This included speaking at churches, Lifegroups, Waverley Christian School Admin and IT and four conferences.

At the finish of radiation therapy, Carolyn and I went with a team of four others to India where God manifested His presence in the state of Manipur. It was our second visit and God opened hearts at the conference of both pastor's wives and the women from the villages. So much so that reports kept coming back for weeks from the pastors asking "What happened? I got a new wife back!"

God provided opportunity for us to speak into the life of a General who headed up the Army divisions for Manipur. He was a self professed agnostic. The favor showed us reflected in unhindered passage through the many checkpoints we encountered traveling to our meetings. In the last part of our ministry in that state we had two days with the heads of all the women's departments of the Baptist churches. Then the Lord opened another opportunity to meet and minister to a high level newly saved government official. God extended us much grace and favor during our time in India.

# Arise 2014

In April I was invited to speak at the Arise Conference in Brisbane. This was one of several worldwide Children's Prayer Events. It was originally started by Gwen Rosario in Singapore.

The Arise conference targets those with a heart for the children (including the youth and young adults) - to be inspired & equipped to release children in praise, worship and prayer.

The teams that do the training included young people - Their motto: "We will release our arrows."

This was an honor to participate in the session to speak to the leaders & children's pastors along with a panel discussion with several pastors & worship leaders. It was Incredible to realize this was continuing each weekend in April in Asia, Europe, the USA and Africa.

The children's praise silences the mouth of the enemy!



Arise Brisbane

## Australia: Children's Day of Prayer

After the Arise Children's Prayer Gathering in Brisbane, Carolyn and I flew to Darwin to take a Leaders Retreat for Aboriginal girls from the Halls Creek area. These girls are "diamonds in the rough" as Roland Buck used to say and God has so much potential for each of their lives as world changers.

Carolyn's report from the scan following our Darwin ministry was discouraging. Cancer was showing up in other areas. After the World Impact Missions Conference in Melbourne I flew back to the USA and Carolyn joined me later in June determined to move forward in God's promises. She asked that I meet her in San Francisco to drive to Redding for prayer ministry and to spend time in God's presence there. One of the prophetic words she received was from a young teen who saw the color green all over her. He said he saw her not only giving new life to others but that God was giving new life to her. (She had told no one of her diagnosis)

Encouraged and strengthened, we continued on with the summer ministries: Royal Family Kids Camp, New Hope Vacation Bible School, Miracle Mountain Kids Camp, Colfax Vacation Bible School and New Hope Family Camp. We had a wonderful response from the kids at each camp and meeting. Responses increased, breakthroughs in the Spirit, kids getting downloads and visions from God and prophetic words.

At the last camp in August, we had a time of kids listening to God for a word of encouragement for someone else. Then we asked them to write down what they got and put it in a basket where we mixed up all the papers. Then we sat in a circle on the floor and prayed for the Holy Spirit to speak to us through these words of encouragement. There were about 50 kids along with a few adults participating. After each one chose from the basket, Carolyn noticed

there was one left over so she took it for herself. God spoke amazing things through and to the kids. When Carolyn opened her paper it said "green - new life" in green crayon. What a confirmation of God's word to her given both the first and last week of her time in the states.

Following the last camp in August, Carolyn flew back to Australia for more doctors appointments and tests. DeAnn joined me in ministry for the last camp in Washington for 2014.

Here I will digress. In July on the way to Miracle Mountain Camp the engine in my Subaru blew up. After four weeks Carolyn and I got it back just after the last camp in August. Three weeks later as DeAnn and I drove cross country to the Onecho Family Camp my new engine also blew up. What a challenging time. God used friends and churches to help us during this time. When I flew out to Thailand to meet Carolyn and another couple from Australia my car was back at the mechanics receiving its second engine in ten weeks.

Our ministry time in Bangkok was challenging to Carolyn physically. By this time she was in increasing pain. The first weekend of ministry there she was amazing in her strength. It was the Lord and His anointing on her. The church we did the training and speaking for is a large church of professionals that we have had relationship with for more than two decades. They are in a new place both spiritually and physically and were so hungry to move in the Spirit in their identity as sons and daughters in the Kingdom. By the end of our time in Asia however Carolyn was struggling with her stamina and her pain was increasing.

We returned to our respective countries (and I got my car with its second new engine). I booked my flight to Australia for January, attended a leadership conference and made my plans for holiday time in the Boise area. Mom was able to fly to Seattle for a week (her first time in about six years) and we drove

together to Boise for Thanksgiving. As you know, Carolyn's situation has continued to deteriorate and after her third emergency trip to the hospital in a two week period she asked if I could come earlier than planned. I rebooked my January flight to December 19th and am heading to Australia.

We encourage you to stand with us on these foundational pillars:

1. God is always Good (He does not give disease or refuse healing any more than He would refuse forgiveness of sin) Psalm 103:3
2. Jesus Blood paid for everything! Romans 5:8
3. We are important to God and to His plan for the nations. Psalm 16:3
4. Nothing is Impossible. John 20:21

Carolyn and I will not sacrifice the revealed nature of Father God in His Son Jesus on the altar of human reasoning. We know the source of circumstances of loss or destruction is the enemy. But God says His Love always wins. Always!

We encourage you to continue to be aware of God's presence throughout your day, to turn your affection toward Him, to praise Him for His goodness as you lift up Carolyn in prayer. Choose to partner with Love not with fear. He is our Healer!

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