

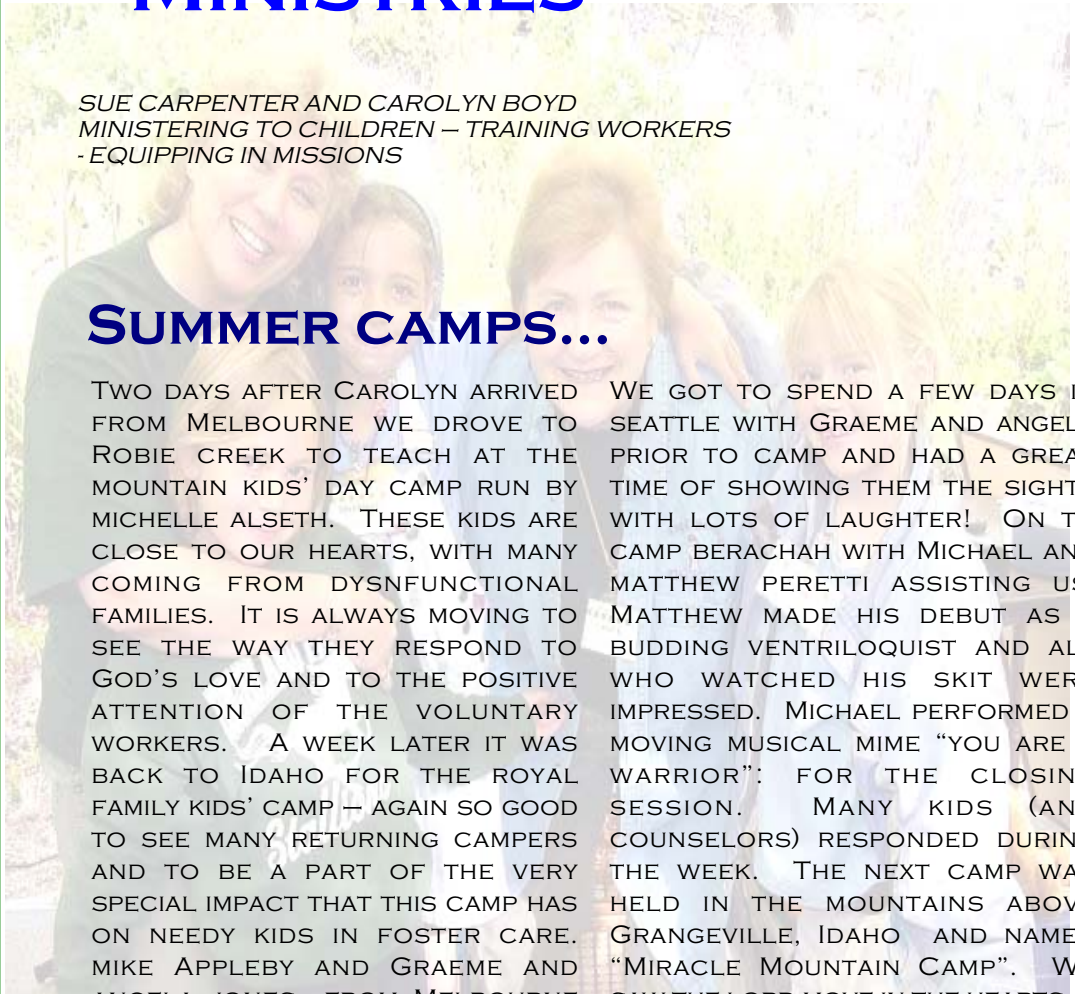
CARPENTER'S CROSS MINISTRIES

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- ❖ SUMMER CAMPS
- ❖ KIDS CRUSADES
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- EQUIPPING IN MISSIONS*

SUMMER CAMPS...

TWO DAYS AFTER CAROLYN ARRIVED FROM MELBOURNE WE DROVE TO ROBIE CREEK TO TEACH AT THE MOUNTAIN KIDS' DAY CAMP RUN BY MICHELLE ALSETH. THESE KIDS ARE CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS, WITH MANY COMING FROM DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES. IT IS ALWAYS MOVING TO SEE THE WAY THEY RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE AND TO THE POSITIVE ATTENTION OF THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS. A WEEK LATER IT WAS BACK TO IDAHO FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY KIDS' CAMP – AGAIN SO GOOD TO SEE MANY RETURNING CAMPERS AND TO BE A PART OF THE VERY SPECIAL IMPACT THAT THIS CAMP HAS ON NEEDY KIDS IN FOSTER CARE. MIKE APPLEBY AND GRAEME AND ANGELA JONES FROM MELBOURNE CAME TO BE A PART OF THIS CAMP.

WE GOT TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN SEATTLE WITH GRAEME AND ANGELA PRIOR TO CAMP AND HAD A GREAT TIME OF SHOWING THEM THE SIGHTS WITH LOTS OF LAUGHTER! ON TO CAMP BERACHAH WITH MICHAEL AND MATTHEW PERETTI ASSISTING US. MATTHEW MADE HIS DEBUT AS A BUDDING VENTRILOQUIST AND ALL WHO WATCHED HIS SKIT WERE IMPRESSED. MICHAEL PERFORMED A MOVING MUSICAL MIME "YOU ARE A WARRIOR": FOR THE CLOSING SESSION. MANY KIDS (AND COUNSELORS) RESPONDED DURING THE WEEK. THE NEXT CAMP WAS HELD IN THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO AND NAMED "MIRACLE MOUNTAIN CAMP". WE SAW THE LORD MOVE IN THE HEARTS

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...AND KIDS' CRUSADES

WE ALWAYS ENJOY KIDS' CRUSADES – EVANGELISTIC CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS THAT MINISTER TO BOTH CHURCH KIDS AND COMMUNITY ALIKE.

THIS WAS OUR FIFTH YEAR AT COLFAX CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE AND WE SO APPRECIATE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF THE FOLK IN THIS EASTERN WASHINGTON TOWN. THIS YEAR WE HAD A RECORD NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE - DO PRAY THAT THE SEEDS SOWN WILL GROW IN THESE YOUNG HEARTS. OUR THEME WAS "NEVER ALONE" TAKEN FROM

THE SCKC CAMP THEME ON THE LIFE OF MOSES AND MANY RESPONDED TO THE STORY OF ABANDONMENT, THE PROBLEMS WITH ANGER AND FEAR, AND THE WAY GOD WANTS TO EQUIP AND USE EACH ONE OF US.

THE CRUSADE AT CALVARY FIRST ASSEMBLY IN BOISE, IDAHO WAS ATTENDED BY A SMALL BUT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF KIDS AND TEENS. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THE PREPARATION THE PASTOR HAD MADE IN PRESENTING A VISION FOR KIDS TO THE CONGREGATION.

“HOME” TO HAWAII

IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE WE MINISTERED IN HAWAII AND BOTH OF US HAD BEEN PRAYING ABOUT RETURNING THIS YEAR. GOD OPENED DOORS AND PROVIDED FUNDS AND WE FOUND OURSELVES BACK ON THE BIG ISLAND IN JULY. WITH THE SOUTH KONA ASSEMBLY OF GOD, SUE MINISTERED TO THE ADULTS ON SUNDAY AND THEN WE LAUNCHED A KIDS' CRUSADE. WE LOVE THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE KIDS AND IT WAS LIKE BEING “HOME”. FROM HERE WE MOVED TO HILO TO BE WITH GLAD TIDINGS AG FOR A TEEN MEETING, AND ADULT SERVICES. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WAS ESPECIALLY PRECIOUS

AND MANY PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE WORD OF GOD. A MAJOR HIGHLIGHT WAS BEING ABLE TO SPEND TIME WITH OLD FRIENDS AND IN PARTICULARLY CATCHING UP WITH ONE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO IS CURRENTLY FINISHING COLLEGE ON THE MAINLAND. GOD'S HAND IS ON HIS LIFE AND IT IS EXCITING TO SEE THE DIRECTION GOD IS LEADING HIM IN. GOD'S BLESSINGS WERE GREAT — WE ENJOYED GREAT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD'S HAWAIIAN FAMILY AND EVEN WENT SNORKELING TWICE. WE SWAM WITH CLOWN FISH AND TURTLES! PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF THESE ISLANDS — THEY FACE MANY PROBLEMS AND NEED TO KNOW THAT JESUS HAS THE ANSWER!

CAMPS CONT.

OF BOTH CAMPERS AND COUNSELORS DURING THIS WEEK. SEVERAL CHILDREN (AND A COUNSELOR) WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SEVERAL INVITED JESUS TO BE THEIR SAVIOR. IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE THE NUMBER OF OLDER CHURCH FOLK GETTING BEHIND THIS CAMP — THEY HELPED WITH CRAFTS, CATERING, SETTING UP THE FACILITY, TEACHING AND GENERALLY ENCOURAGING THE KIDS. THIS CAMP RAN WITH THE OLYMPIC THEME WITH AUSTRALIA AS ONE OF THE NATIONS REPRESENTED. THE FINAL CAMP FOR THE SUMMER WAS FOR NEW HOPE INTERNATIONAL AND HELD AT WARM BEACH, NORTH

OF SEATTLE. WE HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE KIDS AND IT WAS SO GOOD TO SEE THE GROWTH IN MANY OF THEM (SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY!) GOD MOVED ON MANY CHILDREN — SEVERAL WERE BAPTISED (SOME WITH THEIR PARENTS) DURING THE CAMP. THEY PRESENTED TWO SONGS DURING THE MAIN SERVICE (THIS WAS A FAMILY CAMP) AND SUE PUT TOGETHER A GREAT VIDEO OF THE FACES OF ALL THE CHILDREN WITH THE SONG “AN INSTRUMENT” PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND. IT IS ALWAYS MOVING TO CONSIDER THE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL EACH CHILD HAS, AND HOW GOD CAN SHOW HIS LOVE AND POWER THROUGH THEM.

MIRACLES AT HOME!

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR MY (SUE) PARENTS. BECAUSE OF DAD'S MS THEY HAD TO LEAVE THEIR TRI-LEVEL HOME OF SOME 33 YEARS AND MOVE INTO A RENTAL WHILE DECIDING WHERE TO GO FROM THERE. PRAISE GOD FOR MANY MIRACLES INCLUDING:

- THEY SOLD THEIR HOME FOR THE ASKING PRICE WHEN REALTORS SAID THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN!
- WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE A LOT IN AN UPSCALE DEVELOPMENT AT A GREAT PRICE
- ARE NOW SEEING THEIR DREAM HOME BUILT WITH MORE ROOM THAN THEY HOPED FOR THANKS TO A CHRISTIAN BUILDER.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

The book "For Kids' Sake" by H.B. London Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman gives some serious statistics concerning children in the US (2000)

Consider the following:

- Every 9 seconds a child drops out of school.
- Every 10 seconds a child is reported abused or neglected
- Every 15 seconds a child is arrested
- Every 36 seconds a child is born into poverty
- Every minute a baby is born to a teen mother
- Every 3 minutes a child is arrested for drug abuse
- Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for alcohol-related offense
- Every 23 minutes a child is wounded by gunfire
- Every weekday juvenile crime peaks from 3 pm to 7 pm when nearly 5 million children in our country are left home alone after school.



The church is no longer listed among the ten top influences on children – instead, movies, TV, the internet, books, music, public policy and finally parents are listed as major influences.

We are committed to the children in our own culture in US and Australia and firmly believe that the reality of Jesus Christ in their lives will be the determining factor in the choices they make.

Every child needs to know:

They are divinely and uniquely created . Ps.139

They have value in God's eyes – He sent Jesus for them! John 3:16

God has a good plan for their lives and a purpose. Jer. 29:11

They can trust Him to guide them in right choices. Prov.3:5,6

They can be ANYTHING God wants them to be! Phil. 4:13

We delight in our mission activities, in training nationals around the world and in reaching kids everywhere but as we read the newspapers at home we are reminded that we do NOT live in Christian nations anymore. Do continue to uphold the kids we have reached this summer –pray that the seed sown will grow and produce good fruit.



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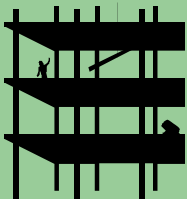
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COMING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- 11TH CONFERENCE IN BOISE FOR SOUTHERN IDAHO A/G
- 16TH CAROLYN TO MELBOURNE
- 21ST SUE IN OREGON
- 27TH CCM FUND-RAISING DINNER - CAROLYN IN MELBOURNE

OCTOBER

- 9TH FAMILY SERVICE – CLAYTON CHURCH OF CHRIST (CAROLYN)
- 15TH NEW HOPE - SUE
- 22ND SCKC DIRECTORS' WEEKEND (CAROLYN)
- SUE – SEATTLE PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS MINISTRY

NOVEMBER

- 12TH-20TH CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. [TO BE CONFIRMED]
- PREPARATION FOR SCKC
- PLANNING FOR 2005
- SUE – FAMILY TIME IN BOISE MINISTRY

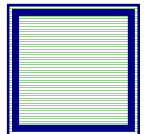
DECEMBER

- SUE – MINISTRY CENTRAL ASSEMBLY –BOISE, IDAHO
- ASSISTING PARENTS MOVE
- CAROLYN: CONTINUED SCKC PREPARATION

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

CCM IS DEDICATED TO REACHING CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH CREATIVE PROGRAMS AND SOUND TEACHING. WE HAVE A PASSION TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" IN THE LIVES OF DISADVANTAGED KIDS THROUGH SPECIALIZED CAMPS – RFKC IN THE US AND SCKC IN AUSTRALIA – AND TO EQUIP NATIONAL WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD TO REACH THE CHILDREN ON THEIR NATION.

TO CARRY OUT THIS VISION, CCM RELIES ON HONORARIUMS, OFFERINGS AND GIFTS. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE IN THE US.



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