

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Tim. 2:2

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from Down Under! We have been enjoying SUMMER ministry here in Australia since January 3rd. We started with Junior Bible Camp where 9 children accepted Christ as Saviour! We have stayed hopping with several special children's meetings as well as preaching and teaching in a number of churches. Our first Holiday Bible Club (VBS) for the year was in Nowra, NSW where we saw much growth from last year and had 3 saved. The church began a Children's Bible Club as a result of the HBC last year and because we had several teens come each day this year they have begun a weekly Teen Bible Club as well.



In February we flew to the Philippines and worked with Missionary Chris Hurst and the folks at Metro View Baptist Church in Antipolo for 3 weeks conducting Teacher Training and were involved in the school ministry and several special events. We saw 5 young people saved at a youth banquet where I preached and had 205 children attended a special Kid's Fun Day where the soul winners dealt with almost half of them for salvation. The children had great fun at the end of the event when we...I, began to toss buckets of fresh, cool water on the very hot crowd. They chanted "One more, one more" in Tagalog over and over. The delightful squeals made me keep on! The highlight for some though, may have been when I bought 60 ice cream cones for those waiting for the transportation to come back for a second run and take them home!



We also had an amazing week both attending and teaching a breakout session on Children's Ministry at the Spiritual Leadership Conference Asia in Manila. There were 6,000 people there from 49 different countries. It was an uplifting, encouraging week for us in so many ways. Because we have been working in the Philippines since the year 2000, we were able to see scores of folks that we have trained through the years who attended the conference. Each day, we were approached by folks who had a word of testimony for us about how our ministry has affected theirs. One gentleman told us that he is now going out in the Provinces and using our materials to train others. II Timothy 2:2 - Praise the Lord!! We were overjoyed at the opportunity to be there, let alone the privilege to have a session to encourage those in Children's Ministry. We got to meet Kim Phuc, the "Napalm girl" who's famous photo was captured as she and her siblings ran down the road after the blast burned her severely and destroyed their village during the Viet Nam war. She is now saved and has an amazing testimony that she shares around the world.





March took us back to Australia where we attended a Pastor's and Wives Retreat and then headed to Taree, NSW with Pastor Syd Valeran to do some Teacher Training and a Pre-HBC meeting. From there we drove 8 hours north to attend a meeting in Brisbane, QLD. The highlight for Cris was that we were able to stay with Missionaries Bill and Doyla Bramblet. Doyla had been a member of the same church as Cris in California when she was a child. They hadn't seen each other in about 48 years!! Though the time with them was short, we have made some new friends and look forward to seeing them again in the future.



We arrived back in Sydney in time to prepare for a full Saturday of teaching classes to 25 children's ministry workers from several area churches gathering at Sydney Bible Baptist College. We invited two young ladies, Kimi and Rachel, to add a new dimension to our Making Visual Aids class. They are graphics design professionals and were willing to use their expertise in this area to give some good information, tips and guidance to several interested students. They have been a huge blessing to our ministry and we are grateful for their desire to serve the Lord in this area. The next day we were invited to help Pastor and Mrs. Brad Williamson and Crossroads Baptist Church celebrate their 16th anniversary by preaching the afternoon service. We have come to love the Williamson family and were happy to be a part of their special day.

On Tuesday it was time to take a break so we scheduled to meet our friend, Jillean, at her office overlooking the Sydney Bay and Bridge for morning tea. After a non-eventful ferry and train ride into the city, Jillean met us and we stepped into the elevator headed for the 33rd floor. However, after Tom reminded the departing occupants to make sure their last trip was UP, they stepped out on the 31st floor. The doors closed behind them but the elevator didn't budge. Long story short...we, Jillean and three others spent 30 minutes captured inside of the elevator before maintenance could come to our rescue. That was certainly long enough, but we did have great company in the meantime!

We ask you to pray for our upcoming trip to the outback to pass out scriptures and conduct some outdoor children's evangelism, two more Holiday Bible Clubs and two more churches to do Teacher Training during the month of April. Lord willing we head to the USA the second of May.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

We are grateful and blessed,

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For the Children
John 21:15

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