

Cambodia & Singapore

In February we were invited by Beth Barone to visit a work in Cambodia led by Ted & Sou Olbrich, and we also spent a couple of days in Singapore with our friends Joseph and Anna Teo.

The Foursquare Children of Promise is a work among orphaned and separated children where in 106 homes more than 3,500 children are being loved, cared for and trained in life skills that will enable them to thrive in this broken but emerging nation. 14 years ago, God called Ted and Sou to pioneer this work in Cambodia which has seen more than 8000 children pass through, more than 3000 churches established and is effecting so many people that it is the fastest growing Christian church movement in the country, now estimated at having impacted up to 10% of its population.

Each Children's Home is also a church reaching out into its community. Many supernatural manifestations of God's power have brought people to faith in Jesus by the hundreds. They are also equipping the children for life through teaching them practical skills, such as business projects, growing mushrooms, raising pigs, and gathering and cooking crickets! They also have a rice mill which is processing grain and helping with the 2 tons of rice which is needed daily in the homes.



Pastors gather twice yearly to receive teaching to help them minister to the broken people in this nation, which went through 30 years of civil war and lost nearly 1/3 of its population through the Khymer Rouge genocide.

This was a moving and challenging experience - such love and compassion.

Australia - again

When we received the invitation to go to Cambodia and Singapore we realised that we were so near our family in Australia that we could not miss such an opportunity. We were able to spend just over two weeks in Mareeba with Ben, Anne and five of our grandchildren. Ben is an aircraft engineer working with Mission Aviation Fellowship, the Mareeba base looks after the aircraft from much of the work in South East Asia. He has particular responsibilities in PNG.

We mainly did family things, walking Alice, Jack and Olivia to school, and Estella 4 and Edith their youngest who is 18 months old to 'Kindy' on a couple of days - two blonds, one with blue eyes and one brown. We took on the 5 kids while Ben and Anne had a couple of days away, helped with practical tasks such as lopping a 60ft Mango tree, building a chicken run and decorating one of the bedrooms. At New Year, Ben and Anne were able to buy their own home and are enjoying the challenge of making it how they want.



Joyce's Birthday

On week after our return from down under we celebrated Joyce's 70th Birthday. Daniel had highjacked our Word for the Week mailing list and asked folk to send cards. Joyce could not work out why so many cards were arriving, the postman said he had never before delivered so many birthday cards, there were over 150. It was a wonderful day of celebration, Craig, Milena, Gillian and Tegan came from Bulgaria, Jo, Iain, Molly, Reuben and Theo from Cornwall. Tanya cooked a wonderful birthday meal and with Daniel, Campbell and Ella, we had 15 of our family together for the celebration.



Craig has been doing some civil engineering in Scotland, our eldest granddaughter Gillian is at Leeds University.

Jo and Iain who now live in Perranporth have just sold their house in Cleeve, and now can look for a permanent base in Cornwall. Iain has been appointed as a Crown Advocate in the courts based on Truro.

We were recently in Cornwall where Charles was able to have a Birthday Breakfast with the White family.



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