

Calvary Chapel Georges Hall

CCKids Ministry Report - 2009

For the year ended 2008

2008 was a wonderful year for CCKids. The average attendance for the Sunday morning services was between 60 – 70 children.

We started the year off with an exciting Kid's camp in March with the theme "Where's your treasure?" with everything to do with Pirates. The children learned about seeking and finding God, our treasure. Many children accepted Jesus and were filled with the Spirit. They all took home a handmade wooden treasure box filled with little reminders from the weekend (e.g. a bible covered in a treasure map, a pearl of great price in a small container).

CCKids put on a Bush dance in August where over 450 people attended from the church and community. It was a great day which started in the afternoon with an animal farm, horse and cart rides, pony rides, games, Devonshire tea at the homestead, food and then we had Bush band playing and calling all the dances in the main auditorium at night.

GROUPS:

SONBEAMS

Sonbeams operates after praise and worship and is for toddlers who are 10 months to 2 years old. Michelle Pearse runs this group with the help of Karina, Jemma, Bethany and Emma. The children enjoy a beautiful morning tea and then lots of fun with toys and music. They looked at David and the theme "God made Music".

SONSHINE

John and Emma Collyer are the leaders of Sonshine which is for children in the very important age group of 2 – 5 years. The wonderful helpers for Sonshine were Jade, Rosie, Monica and Estelle.

The children enjoy singing songs while John plays the guitar, listening to a story and making a craft. They followed the VeggieTale Curriculum in 2008, which is designed to teach children basic principles of Christianity and strengthen their relationship with God covering topics such as faith, communication, love, trust and joy.

SONBURST

Sonburst is a new group that started in 2008 for children in Kindergarten to Year 2. Edita Davila is the leader of this group along with the great teenage leaders Isaac, Jesse, Melissa and Jacinta. Sonburst is a fun and interactive program where the children learn Bible stories, participate in praise and worship, active games and craft.

J12

J12 is for children in Year 3 – Year 6 and Esther was the leader for this group along with the great team of leaders – David, Gillian, Sheryl, Kathryn, Jordan, Matt, Doug and Elizabeth. It is based on Jesus at the age of 12 when He spoke 7 powerful words – "I must be about my Father's business". The activities include fun zone (board games, computer games, and craft), praise and worship, bible-based lessons, small groups and group games. The children were looking at the life of Jesus and in Term 4 we focused on Praise.

In Term 3 we started the iPraise workshops once a month. The workshops included dance, singing, art, guitar, drama and visual art. The culmination of these workshops was a performance in church in November.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Sunday Night Lights was for children from age 2 – year 3 at school. It was a fun child-minding program after praise and worship which includes games, craft, stories, puppet shows and movie nights. This group was lead by Carla, Taylah, Monique, Ethan and Jacob along with one adult to supervise.

PLAYTIME

Playtime runs fortnightly for carers and kids aged 0 – 5 years old. It provides a fun, safe and child friendly environment where children can interact with other children and parents and grandparents can connect with other carers. The activities include play (dramatic, construction, art/craft, puzzles and books), outdoor play (in our new enclosed outdoor area at the side of the church), music and story time.

After running Playtime for many years, Maree went back to work last year so Naomi ran the group with the help of Natalie Webb and our wonderful helpers Jeanette, Gillian, Ginette and Melissa. We had about 15 families from the community attending each week so it has been a great community outreach.

KIDS PRAYER

This is a very hands-on prayer group run by Iman and Naomi where we have a time of repentance to clean our hearts, praise & worship and then the children wait on God for a short time to see what He wants us to pray for and what He is speaking to them. We follow the steps outlined in Jane Mackie's book "Kids Pray". They come back and draw or write what God spoke to them on a large roll of paper. It was exciting for the children to see how God tied in a picture down one end of the paper with a verse or word somewhere else on the paper. Children would write down the names of countries and we would use globes and maps to pray for these countries.

HEARING GOD'S VOICE CONFERENCE

In September 2008, I attended a conference which had a huge impact on me. It renewed my vision to see children trained and equipped to do the works of Jesus and releasing them in their spiritual gifts and callings. They can have an active place in the body of Christ in all areas of ministry – including prayer, evangelism, missions, the gifts of the Spirit, worship and healing.

God put it on my heart to have a conference at our church for children. We had over 150 children plus about 25 youth registered from 25 different churches including Foursquare, Anglican, Presbyterian, Independent and other Pentecostal churches. It was so great to see the body of Christ worshipping together in unity. The theme verse was John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me."

The first morning of The Hearing God's Voice conference started with a time to prepare our hearts and then Ps Minta Baker spoke on the ways we can hear God's voice. Both afternoons the children chose a workshop to attend. These workshops included Evangelism, Worship, Missions, Healing the sick and Prayer. It was also a blessing to have Jane Mackie from the Children's Prayer Network ministering at the conference. The night session was a great time of rejoicing and Ps Paul McCarthy spoke on knowing God. The children then prayed for the parents and adults!

The second morning was on the gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit moved in such a beautiful way - the children didn't want to go to lunch and play! Many children were filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so strong and powerful.

The Praise & Worship during the conference was free and joyful. The children used banners to praise and many times fell to their knees in worship. They also loved being in the kid's choir. Most of the Praise & Worship was lead by teenagers – they all came away so blessed and on fire for God too!!

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that make running all these ministries possible. While I can't mention everyone, God knows what you have done and be assured your reward is in heaven. It is a great honour and privilege to be chosen by God to minister to, influence and make a difference in the lives of these children that will be eternal!

Naomi