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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Aust,

We wanted to write to you for Easter and send you some flowers to celebrate the wonderful day of the resurrection of our incredible Saviour, Lord and Friend. The weeks before Easter were so busy we simply didn't manage to do so .

We went away for Easter for 4 days with a group of 28 children between 6 and 13 years old. We were 11 adults present at the camp. Bob is still recovering from his back surgery, but that didn't stop him laying the tables, clearing up afterwards and being useful in the kitchen. I was the cook and was kept busy as we wanted to serve the children food we prepared for them ourselves and that they would appreciate.



We found a lovely place right in the country with many facilities and space inside and out which made it a very safe place for the children.

Our theme this year was : 'The Garden of Heaven' Sam, Jean-Marc and Julie were incredible. They turned a room into a beautiful garden , with an arch and giant 3D flowers and lots of little lights everywhere. Flowers all over the walls and an artificial lawn as a carpet on the floor.

The flowers represented the children, each different, unique, created by a Loving Father who cares about them. Samuel loves preparing encounter rooms for the children. This year we had a room with the cross . It was quite an experience. The children came in with a big bag with stones and on them written things Jesus had died for. They layed at the cross the stones they chose. They could write something on the cross. Then eventually when they turned around to leave, the long dark corridor suddenly filled with lights in celebration of leaving the darkness behind.

The following day on resurrection day the children had a new encounter room. This time they crawled through a tomb. Envelopes with cards always waited for them to read. They were never rushed. Eventually they heard like an earthquake and the stone was rolled and opened into the resurrection room. Everything was in gold. There was a chest with a long rope . At one end a tiny bit of the rope was painted in silver. That was their short life on earth the rest represented eternity with God. They had a chest full of golden stones and golden chocolate coins. A card reminded them that gold and silver belongs to our Heavenly Father. They were invited to take a coin and keep it to remember that God will always provide for them as they trust in Him. They were able to sit on the throne, put on a royal crown look at themselves in the mirror and consider what they are in Christ, princes and princesses in His Kingdom. There was also a live dove to think of the Holy Spirit living in us. We pray that everything the children heard and experienced with God will be like seeds in their lives. Some of the children

came to the week-end with tremendous needs. We are heartbroken with the traumas some of them go through in life. How much God loves them and how thankful we are to spend precious time with them.

Céline joined us for the week-end with her two children. Nathalie longed to come too, but couldn't.

What a privilege to work with our children ! They all gave their very best. They even had someone come and give the children the surprise of a laser game afternoon.

We are so excited about all the little children added to the fellowship in Aust. What a joy when a little baby is born in God's family.

Thank you again and again for all your love and faithfulness towards us as we work together for His Glorious Kingdom.

Much love to everyone,

Bob and Christine

