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Psalm 108: 3,4,5

I will give thanks to thee, O Lord among the peoples; And I will sing praises to Thee among the nations. For your loving kindness is great above the heavens; And Thy truth reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God above the heavens; And thy glory above all the earth.

What an awesome opportunity we have when camps are lifetime experiences and we get to tell kids about the Lord. We experienced His graciousness and glory as He guided and overruled through the various aspects of Camps this Summer. The gospel was received with a willingness to participate thoughtfully. Your diligent prayer support was evident with the smooth and orderly running of the camps along with the mellowing and softening of hearts towards the Gospel message. Please continue to pray that these campers may come to know the God of Creation as the exalted King of their life!

CAMPS have been really effective for the kingdom this summer.

We have run seven Camps this season and one week we had three Camps running simultaneously. The Leaders testify to experiencing the Lords overruling and keeping in many situations.

We did have a serious accident that involved Lisa a leader on the Horse trek camp receiving kick from a horse that broke ribs in two places puncturing her lung. This resulted in an air ambulance transfer to Hospital where she stayed for the next six days. But praise the Lord, she continues to make good recovery with no lasting disfigurements or disabilities. Do pray for her health over the winter as the flu could progress into a serious lung infection.

It has also been encouraging to receive a number of thank you notes from Campers and Parents.



Other fantastic news is that Council have been able to make an appointment to our recently advertised **Ministry Manager position**. We are excited to announce that **Martin and Corina Eldershaw** have accepted this position and plan to be here late autumn. Martin is presently a self employed builder. Corina is a home mum to their infant daughter Giselle and has journalist and insurance qualifications. Martin has been involved in Kids ministries in his home church and sees this as a natural progression to be more involved in these ministries while reducing his trade involvement. It was also encouraging to hear them talk of this position as a ministry to be involved in rather than a job to pay the bills.



The **CYC Council** have stepped out in faith viewing this position as absolutely necessary if we are to provide a well organised, vibrant and relevant Christian ministry to the young people of our area. We are also looking to the Lord through His people to provide for the remuneration of this new initiative and would be delighted with increased **financial support**. For those who feel called/burdened to partner with us in this I have attached a automatic bank payment form. All we need is for everyone on the mailing list to up their contribution by twelve dollars per month (or four dollars a week) and we are there. So will you prayerfully consider assisting us in making it happen.

Our **OSCAR** approval is still a work in progress! An audit of our facility and policies commenced during the Adventure Camp. That part seemed to proceed favourably and due to time constraints the audit was suspended. Presently we having our staff records reviewed. A lot of importance is placed on this aspect of the audit as evidence is sought that we have safe and qualified staff to run our programmes. Do pray that we receive a satisfactory report and approval from this process.



FAMILY CAMP for 2008 has been cancelled as I have not been able to have things in place with sufficient lead time to make it happen. However we plan to run family camp in 2009.



We be running our Autumn camping programme that offers a **Girls Pony Camp** and **Boys Hunting camp**. Do hurry if you want places in these camps as they are almost full. **PLEASE uphold** these Camp Directors (Brenda Thompson & Paul Paton respectively) and their teams as they prepare and plan.



LASTLY, let me encourage you to join us for our first **CYC STUDY/FAMILY DAY** of the year on **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23**. Do plan to join with us.

STUDY DAY PROGRAMME 23 Feb 2006

10.00 am **Alan Kerr**
 10.45 am Morning Tea
 11.00 am **Az Gray**
 12.00 am Lunch with CYC Family
 (a plate to share please)

Children have their own programme. We look forward to seeing you!!



Will you **PLEASE CONTINUE to PRAY** for the Camp Programme and Facility use over the ensuing year.

- ① That we might be about our Fathers business'.
- ② That all our efforts will be channelled in such a way that those on the property will want to know more about our Heavenly Father and be challenged from the Bible in a life changing way and may know Gods forgiveness and healing from sin.
- ③ That our financial position would improve allowing continued development of the property. We will covet your prayers.

Grant & Joanne, and the team here at CMC

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honour him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant any more."