



# Christian Youth Camps AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER



## Executive Officers Comment

Did you know it is impossible to lick your elbow? If you don't believe me try it when no one is around - see I told you it was impossible.

God never asks us to do the impossible even though we may sometimes think so. What He asks us to do may prove to be difficult, challenging, taxing, exhausting, time consuming, but with Him it is not impossible! Often we make the mistake of relying on our own strength to get through or to solve problems but Philippians 4:13 comforts us with "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

In Matthew 19:25-26 it says: "And when the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, then who can be saved? And looking upon them Jesus said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"



On a personal note our family have just clicked over a personal mile stone. Its just over twenty years ago that we were commissioned by our church family in Auckland and sent out in response to the call of managing CYC here in the South. Its a mile stone that was never imagined from the onset, but here we are twenty years later and what a blessing it has been. I know that a lot of you reached this mile stone some time ago as you have been faithfully supporting and encouraging the CYC ministry efforts since its inception some forty seven years ago!! So a huge thank you for partnering with us over that time and being part of our journey building into our lives the passion and importance of this crucial ministry.

*Grant Bullin*

## Camping Coordinators Blurb

What a wonderful Lord we have - His faithfulness towards us is unfaltering!!!

June and July have been a buzz of activity here at CYC - we have had 5 wonderful camps with over 100 young people attending (and this does not include all our leadership!!!); we have run a paint-ball fund-raiser day that exceeded everyone's expectations.

Our **Leadership Training Camp** in June was well attended with around 25 camp leaders attending. It was a great weekend of fellowship and learning about being the best leader we can be at camps.



Many of us have been involved in kid's camps over the past school holidays and have experienced something of this. Whenever we get kids together in a camp situation there is always potential for difficult situations to arise, in fact there are always times of testing in any aspect of camp life when we are out of our comfort zone.



But praise the Lord because its His Spirit that does the effectual work at camp and not us. Its an amazing blessing to be immersed into camp life, and to sense and experience the movement of the Holy Spirit knowing that God's strength is sustaining and under-girding through all situations.



The **Boys Winter Camp** had 41 boys attending, the weather was perfect, the food was plentiful and the camp was excellent. The boys were again given the message of Salvation from John Laing of OAC Ministries in Dunedin.



The **Snow Camp** in Queenstown equally had its share of great weather and there were no injuries which is always good. The young people were given the gospel message by Quinten Copland of OAC Ministries in Dunedin.



The **Girls Art Camp** was an industrious camp with girls partaking in 80's style aerobics each morning through to tie-dying, weaving and jewellery making. With a Hawaiian style luau's on the last evening taking the camp to a wonderful

conclusion. Ann Clark shared with the girls each night based on the camp theme 'The Art of Happiness'.



The **Girls Winter Camp** was attended by just on 30 girls. One of the highlights of this camp being prayer in one of the cabins each morning for fine weather and particular activities to be had that day. The Lord answering these prayers providing a testimony to the power of prayer for the young girls. Ann Sinclair was the speaker at this camp.



Nine keen boys attended the new **Boys Winter Outdoors Camp** held at Alf Bradfield's farm. This camp was styled after the possum and farm camps held by CYC in the past. It was well enjoyed.

The **Paint-ball day** held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June was a great fund-raiser with around \$850 raised for CYC. The day was well attended by youth groups and past campers and the Lord again provided wonderful weather for the day.

We are currently planning for the summer which will be a very busy time as church and school camps start happening again.

Please keep us in your prayers as we look forward to the future here at CYC.

*Tim Wiel*

## Spring Camps Update

There are places in all the spring camps coming up in 6 weeks time. Gearing up is well under way for the spring camps.

There are four camps are happening during the spring holidays:



The Christian Discipleship Camp is back again after several years and is designed to equip young Christians for the adult world - we will be giving them skills for flatting, budgeting and more importantly a Christian World View in context with other secular world views. David and Lynda Bayne are directing this camp and the theme for the camp is "All of Life for God". This camp is being run from 27<sup>th</sup> September through to 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you wish to attend this camp however cannot get annual leave, you are more than welcome to attend the evening meal and sessions - please get in touch with the CYC office to let us know your intentions for catering purposes.



The Motorbike Camp will be run over three days and will provide some great rides around the local area for teenage boys. Sam Duthie is heading this camp up again and progress is under way to make it a wonderful camp.



Our Girls House Party Camp is being run for the first time in many years. Great times and super memories are sure to be had - and without the

physical exertion. Rochelle Wiel has taken on-board this camp and has chosen the theme of "Be the Best You Can Be". The girls will be treated to activities such as Sing-along Sound of Music and home-made cosmetics.



The Co-ed Computer Camp is coming together well with many geeky activities, geocaching and computer games planned for the 3 day camp. Jeffrey Ross from Christchurch is directing this camp again and we are looking to build on last years success.

*For a full list of upcoming camps and dates visit our website or contact the CYC office for enrolment forms.*

## Work Camp

This years focus for Work camp is "Maintain and fix what we have". There are a lot of issues that require able hands to fix - come along for a time of fellowship and service.

Work camp is to be held over Labour weekend at the end of October (22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October).

*A brochure will be sent out shortly for Work Camp.*

## News In Brief

- Our annual OSCAR audit occurred over the July camping period - we are pleased with how this went but are still awaiting the final report from CFYS.

## CYC Website

Our website continues to be a excellent tool for people to find out about our ministry here at CYC. Have you visited it yet?

[www.cycwaihola.org.nz](http://www.cycwaihola.org.nz)

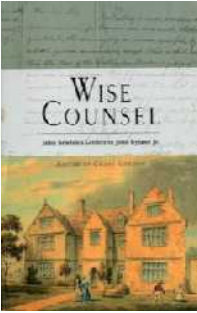
## Book Review

Review by Martin Williams, Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish Minister.

**John Newton, Wise Counsel: John Newton's Letters to John Ryland Jr. Edited by Grant Gordon. Banner of Truth, 2009.**

John Newton (1725-1807), ex-slave ship captain, pastor, and author of the hymn "Amazing Grace," has rightly been called "the letter-writer par excellence of the Evangelical Revival."

The eighty-three letters of this volume were all written to one man, John Ryland Jr (1753-18250), a Baptist pastor and educator. Newton's first letter is dated October 1771, when Ryland was only eighteen. The last is dated April 1803, when Ryland is fifty. The letters are arranged in chronological order and placed in their historical context by the editor.



Through these letters we follow Ryland in the all up and downs of his personal Christian life and public pastoral ministry, the choosing of a wife, her subsequent death and Ryland's re-marriage, etc., and the "wise counsel" given by Newton as they exchanged letters on these and a multitude of other topics. If you have ever wished you


had a mentor like John Newton - you have now in this volume. Reading these letters is like cozying up to a warm fire with a hot coffee for an intimate one-on-one with a wise Christian grandfather passing on his life-lessons.

In this volume the reader will discover afresh in these letters, not only mature and wise counsel, but a wholesome emphasis on true Christian experience, a great breadth of Christian sympathy, and a strong confidence in the power of the grace of God, for, as Newton said, 'Grace has long and strong arms!'

Also published by Banner of Truth (2007) and highly recommended is the Letters of John Newton edited by Newton's biographer Josiah Bull.



## Book-room Ministry

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For all orders bought through our website we receive 6% of the purchase price back as credits - which we then use to buy books for our kids camps.

We also have a wide range of recommended books listed on our website so you know you are buying good theologically sound books.

## Prayer Update

The fervent prayer of CYC supporters have provided many wonderful things to be thankful to the Lord for:

- great winter camps were had and around 100 young people heard the gospel of Christ
- the CYC finances have been sustained over the winter months so far

Recently we have started sending out regular prayer updates via email to those on our email list. If you would like one please let us know.

Please in particular be in prayer for:

- those who have attended the camps over the winter holidays and heard the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed, will seek after Him as their personal Lord.
- the upcoming fellowship day that it will be an effective tool in the ministry here at CYC
- the upcoming council meeting as they make decisions
- the continued financial support of our ministry especially as we seek to undertake major projects in the coming year
- the staff of CYC as they approach the busy summer time
- the camping committee as they work through putting together next years camping calendar

## August Fellowship Day

We welcome you to attend our August 2010 fellowship day. Come along for a time of teaching, fellowship and fun.

The August Fellowship day is to be held on 28th August 2010 in the Main Hall @ CYC.

There will be a children's programme provided after morning tea. Jay Behan will be speaking at the August Fellowship day.

Jay is from St Stephens Anglican church in Christchurch.

### 28th August 2010 Fellowship Day

10.00am	Speaker: Jay Behan <b>Children's Programme</b>
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Speaker: Jay Behan <b>Children's Programme</b>
12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch
1.30pm	<b>Book room Sale</b> <b>CYC Flying Fox Activity for children and teenagers</b> CYC staff will be training during this time.
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea

*There will be a children's programme provided after morning tea.*

## Upcoming Events

27 August 10	Council Meeting
28 August 10	Fellowship Day
27 September 10	Christian Discipleship Camp
30 September 10	Boys Motorbike Camp
04 October 10	Girls House Party
07 October 10	Co-ed Computer Camp
22 October 10	Work Camp

## Support CYC

Christian Youth Camps (Waihola) Inc. only exists by the grace of God. We have run camps for more than 47 years in Otago and Southland, and all on the smell of an oily rag. It is the support of like minded people donating to CYC that has enabled the ministry to continue for so long. We here at CYC thank you for your support and for your prayers.



If you would like to make a donation to CYC, you can donate via internet banking or send your donation to:

*Christian Youth Camps (Waihola) Inc,  
P.O. Box 15061, Waihola, 9243*

For electronic banking our bank account number is #03 0905 0937076 00 (Westpac Bank, Moray Place, Dunedin). Please put your name and "donation" in the reference column.

Alternatively you can now use IRD payroll giving to donate a small amount to CYC every pay day. For more information visit the website <http://tinyurl.com/22r7bsb>

**All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be sent at the end of the Financial Year.**

**Our GST No is 13 646 686 and our Charities Commission number is CC25364**

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

*Romans 1:16-17*