

ourselves “What would Jesus do?”, and we will get our answer.

Priest Eric then handed out name tags and programs, and reiterated the camp rules as expressed by the camp convenors before dinner and the team responsibilities for the week.

After devotions all then watched a movie called ‘Forever Strong’. After the movie, the majority went to bed after a very long day.

### **Wednesday 28th Sept**

All were up early and went for a morning walk down to the front gate where a group photo was taken, then back for breakfast.

After breakfast, Priest Eric facilitated a Bible trivia session on ‘Respect’. The youth divided into four groups and each group came up with one of the following - How, When, Where and Why do you give respect? Each group had a spokesperson who presented their answers back to the wider group. Bible references were also found that related to respect, and explanations given. After morning tea, Mr Haldane Ing, a local Solicitor, spoke to the youth about the attitude of respect to carry through Court situations. He spoke about legal documents, wills, legal issues and signing of contracts where you are agreeing to the terms and conditions such as when you purchase a mobile phone, or buying a car or TV on credit, and when we can’t make our payments there is fine print in the contract and consequences down the track, for example, if later on we want to apply for a home loan. He reminded everyone to weigh up the importance of what it is that we are signing or making a commitment to, and make an effort to read it ourselves as the Governments have made it that wording in contracts and terms and conditions is to be able to be understood and straight forward. Asking another member of our family to read it is also good practice. Haldane spoke about the legal age where it is broadly accepted as 18 years of age. He spoke about internet transactions using a credit card to purchase



*Apostle Cliff – Opening Address*



*Speaker – Mr Haldane Ing*

something and it comes back to the owner of the credit card must be 18 and is the person making the commitment. Questions were asked about the internet and Facebook when photos are being placed up, defamation and different levels of responsibility. Haldane spoke about criminal records and police checks when applying for jobs and visa’s and the different levels of criminal record where no conviction in court, does not mean there was no court case. It is not invisible that something has happened. Mischief or trouble can be the subject of someone’s enquiry on our past, this is a negative to our background and information could be provided later in life. Other questions were asked about compulsory superannuation with many young people having part time or casual jobs. There is a need to keep track of what is held in our name and fill in the paperwork to consolidate it. There is also a website to track any unclaimed money. Also, it is best to review the next of kin name on the form when we initially set it up, as circumstances do change. Other questions were asked on how prevalent the use of the Bible in court is. Haldane said the first question asked is - Do you have any objections to taking an oath on the Bible? Or an affirmation to tell the truth? The system accommodates people from different backgrounds. Very few statutory declarations are signed with the Bible present as a sworn statement on the Bible. There are penalties and consequences in the ‘Oath’s Act’ where if people provide a false

statement, if it is found it is false, they can be prosecuted. It was a very informative session for all.

After lunch, the afternoon was spent doing high ropes activities and flying fox. The instructors, Adam and Kelly, went through the drill on how to put on the harnesses and do safety checks, and the protocol for safety first when it comes to all activities of this nature. Youth then paired up and helped each other get harnessed up and practice using the equipment, especially the clamps before attempting the high ropes challenge. Many youth were able to complete the course; others made the first section or two and didn't continue on. It was very much an individual challenge if you were not scared of heights! The last part of the course was the flying fox, and some opted to complete this part of the

course only. Kelly, one of the instructors, was "hanging" off the tree with a harness, 10 metres in the air, and assisted those who wanted to have a go. It was very exhilarating doing the flying fox and to be able to have a great view from up on the platform. Usual antics were happening with Deacon Mitchell being saturated with water as he reached the end of the flying fox!

After dinner, Question and Answer with Apostle Cliff was held. Many varied questions were asked, from 'views on boat people arriving in Australia' and 'on TV recently the man in Kingaroy saying he is Jesus and having a following of people', to questions on the Ten Commandments, 'What individual things should we pray for?', 'How do you start to explain this "church thing"?', to 'Does the Apostle learn anything from the preaching of the other officers?'. All

questions were answered fully for the youth. It is a blessing having the Apostle in attendance to get to know one another and be able to help the youth understand the issues that are affecting them in the world today.

After evening devotions, Bro. Nicolo and Sis. Candis Finelli had Youth Chorus practice and revised some songs as there were many new youth who had not sung some of these songs before.



*The High Ropes challenge*



*Flying Fox fun*

### **Thursday 29th September**

Rise and shine at 6:15am for a walk again. After breakfast was Youth Chorus practice again. Bishop Alan officially welcomed Bro. Nicolo and Sis. Candis as the new Youth Chorus conductor and organist. They are both very diligent in the responsibility this brings and will be a great asset to future Youth Camps and Youth Rally events. Bro. Nicolo now has to learn how to conduct standing on a chair without falling off and wearing his shorts inside out!

After morning tea, we had another guest speaker, Mr Nigel Brennan, a local Bundaberg photojournalist who was held hostage for 462 days in Somalia. Nigel spoke about what had happened during the time he was abducted, kept in isolation, and how his family back home in Australia put everything on the line, sacrificing their livelihoods, their houses and personal lives to bring him home. His story is a life defining experience where, out of such an horrific experience has come many good things, compassion, patience and understanding. What he wanted to get across to the youth at the camp was to:

1) Have a greater appreciation for our families and don't take them for granted.



*Speaker – Mr Nigel Brennan*

2) Communicate by talking with one another and not with our thumbs texting on our mobile phones.

3) All the money in the world does not make us happy, money does make life easy, but to have all the money, toys and success is not everything.

4) Have the ability to show compassion; we seem to have lost this and want to judge everyone.

5) Learn about ourselves to become better people, dream big and be thankful for what we have as the Somalia children have nothing.

Nigel has a book published called 'The Price of Life'.

After lunch there was a Bible Trivia session where the youth were again split into four teams and had to come up with their Bible Trivia questions (and answers) for the other teams to respond. A little competition prevailed between the teams as there was a time limit on opposing teams to find the answers. Also, points were deducted if the answer was incorrect. Bishop Alan was the adjudicator and scorekeeper.



*Bible Trivia*