



*Youth visit Olsen's Capricorn Caves*

camp those who wanted to go for a swim did so, while others played tennis and footy on the grounds of the complex – all had great fun.

After dinner Question and Answer was again held with Apostle Cliff. Following devotions was youth chorus practice with Bro. Des, and then many gathered to watch another movie, *Raise your Voice*, before bed.

### **Saturday**

Up early again – last day for the walk! After breakfast Bro. Alan Ing from Bundaberg gave a talk to the youth on his travels of the world by bicycle. His journey to this point has been long and hard, across many countries and a number of continents. He spoke about the loneliness and the security in saying the Lord's Prayer during his travels. In his opinion, people are the same the world over. Many people during his travels were very nice and generous, and on numerous occasions throughout his travels he has been helped by Christians. All were amazed by his extraordinary goal of riding his bike around the world.

After lunch it was time to prepare for the concert. At approximately 5.30pm, visitors started to arrive for

the evening and a total of 80 were treated to a BBQ meal and sweets. Apostle Cliff began the evening's proceedings by answering the last questions from the youth. He gave the "short" version of God's plan. Although this question has been answered at previous youth camps, there are many who are now joining the ranks of the youth who have not heard it before. It is always good to hear of God's plan, and it is a reminder to us all of the love our Heavenly Father has for each and every one of us. After Q&A the compares, Dale Anderson and Michael Kaddatz, commenced the Youth Concert. Many acts were performed giving everyone a laugh and an insight into what happened during the days of the camp. The Youth Chorus sang some songs of praise followed by presentations to



*Saturday night concert*



*2010 Youth Camp photo*

Apostle Cliff and Sis. Heather, Camp Coordinators Bro. Eric and Sis. Rhonda, Bishop Alan and Sis. Carmel. Evening devotions were held and the traditional camp photo was taken while all were dressed up. Supper followed and this ended a lovely night.

**Sunday**

Up early to pack, clean up and have breakfast, then all left for Church Service in Rockhampton. Divine Service was led by Apostle Cliff and Bishop Alan Crouch, with deacons, Evangelist and Apostle preaching on the text from Psalm 119, v97-105, v169-

176, fitting in with the Youth Camp theme of 'seeking wisdom'. All present enjoyed the hymns rendered by the Youth Chorus during the Church Service. Following service the natural man was satisfied, with the community providing a buffet lunch before all returned home to their many areas of origin.

The Youth and all members present, thank the Rockhampton Community for their hospitality and for providing lunch. After such blessed days, all said their goodbyes and headed to their homes -- until we meet again, God bless.



*Wind-down after Service in Rockhampton*

**Apostle Service  
Youth Camp  
11th April 2010**

Text is Psalm 119 verses 161-176.

In the Grace and peace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, beloved brothers and sisters. The text for today was taken from Psalm 119 deliberately. Psalm 119, if you take time to look at it when you return to your homes, you will find that it is broken up into many sections and each section is given a different name at the beginning of it. Christ taught when he was on the earth that He was the

alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Alpha is the first word in the Greek alphabet and omega is the last. Psalm 119 consists of the Hebrew alphabet and you will find that it starts from the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet and moves to the last. In these sections, if you look at it spiritually, you will find there is a message – the A to Z we might say, for the Christian Church that was to come into the world.

We will find as we go through the various sections, we can relate them to history. Today we took the last two sections, for the church, the messages. The messages were profound and they all had one single theme in them, that we must learn the wisdom of God and the way that we learn it is through the word given by God to us and the means of knowing that word. The final word we have heard, having gone through all that, relates to each and every one of us no matter how much we try in this life and how much wisdom we gain, we will always come to a point in our life where we will be like sheep, we will go astray and we will be lost; but the prayer or the Z, the last word in God's teachings through that psalmist the church is, that we will always be drawn back if we ask.

We have a loving Shepherd, a loving Saviour who will always draw us back into His loving care again. We should never lose heart. We have to understand the word of God and how God dealt with mankind. It was remarkable that we heard that we in our day as we move to the end part of that alphabet, we know more about life than our ancients, even those ancients that taught us. So it is, because God's plan is to continually move us forward in His means of being able to have us understand His will and His plan.

If we take how God tried to teach down through the ages, we will find that it is a step by step method. Firstly God used His Creation, or today we would say nature. He expected mankind to look at His Creation and see the greatness and the wonderment of it. The Scriptures, in many places say, the Heavens declare Thy glory. Look at the stars.

It refers to the tides and the waters. It refers to the birds. God expected mankind to look at that and read it as a Bible in their day and see the enormity and the power of God, and to give Him all honour and glory.

God then found that man did not do this, so He then set an example, we might say the second Bible that He put into the world was the conscience of man. He showed man by an act that has never been repeated, where the world was destroyed through the sin flood because man did not honour and glorify God, and that became indelible on the conscience of man and man then had no excuse. God had showed clearly what happens when we do good and what happens when we do bad. The second Bible began to build up.

We then found that man still did not follow his conscience. He drifted away again, so God wrote what we would call the third Bible. The third Bible was on tables of stone written by God's finger. The Scripture says that they were written front and back. There was no room to put anything else on them. The commandments were given and man now did not have an excuse. He did not have to rely on nature or his conscience. It was there written on tables of stone, and still man did not obey that Bible. God then used the gift of writing, and Moses as we have heard these past days, went into the Mount and received the writings of God on His dealing with mankind and was instructed to put into the temple an office called Scribe, and these Scribes had to write down the messages that God sent through the prophets and through the psalmists down through the ages. Mankind was then given these writings and we see another Bible being added to the first, and still man could not and would not conform to that Bible, that Teaching, that Blessing that God had given to the world.

God then did something that only a God of Love could possibly do. He sent His Only Begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, into the world as the living word of God. Not only living and telling us what to do, but showing by His example. He became a