

# Christian Youth Camps

Thank you for your continued support to CYC over this busy summer and winter season. We're sorry that we have not been proactive in getting newsletters to you recently but we'd like to get back on top of giving you quarterly newsletters once again.

The past eight months have flown by and there have been many changes. We have managed to achieve a great deal of work and we're so thankful for our new (or not so new) staff who have been a great help to us.

## Here's a brief introduction of newer staff members here at CYC:

**Director:** Steven Miers – Steven's history with CYC began when he was a camper during the holiday camps, back in the good old days. He brings a wealth of practical knowledge with him from his farming background. Steven started working part time from December 2016 until he and his family finished up on the farm on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. He has been working full time and living onsite since then.

**Administrator:** Glennis Mason – Glennis brings skills in administration from a variety of workplaces. She had been volunteering one day a week with Hope Rising Farm next door before she started working here in December 2016.

**Camp Worker:** Rebecca Shepherd – Rebecca hails from Australia and as a nurse, brings a unique set of knowledge and experience which has been put to great use, especially during our holiday camps.

**Camp Worker:** Mitchell Crow – Mitchell started at CYC as a volunteer leader at our kids camps and has now joined the staff team for the year.

Below is a photo of the CYC staff and their families. This was taken in March at the 10 year anniversary celebration for Ben Cochrane! We so appreciate Ben and his servant heart over the past 10 years.



## Upcoming Events

### 8-12 yr old Holiday Camp

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*Speaker: Jordan Aldridge*

### Family Camp

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

*Speakers: The Ballard Family*

### CYC AGM

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Leaders Training Weekend

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

*Speaker: Steven Miers*

## Prayer Requests

- ▶ Ministry camps as listed above
- ▶ Camp 2 Chapel Insurance case
- ▶ Interns for 2018

We are hoping to start a monthly prayer meeting. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact us!

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## Up-date on old Staff

At the end of January 2017 we farewelled Jordan Aldridge & Abby Boyens, our intern over 2016. We have been missing their unique personalities but they are both doing really well with their studies & following Gods calling in their life. We can also report that Ted & Andrea are doing well. They had a tough 7 months but just recently have had a change of season and have been greatly encouraged by this.

## Ministry Camp Report

Since we last reported we have been busy running nine ministry camps. All together we have run; 3x kids camps, 1x junior kids camp, 2x teens camps, 2x leaders training weekends and 1x bible camp. We decided to re-introduce the bible camp over Queens Birthday weekend and the camp ended up being a great success. Over the last nine camps we have had a total of 760 campers & leaders attend CYC and that doesn't include all the volunteer groups that we have come in to help during the holidays such as the Frontline team & Headspace team. God has been providing in great ways and we are excited to see how He is going to bless CYC in the future.



## Around Camp News

Due to the earthquake in November last year our lake developed a leak. This caused issues that took us a couple of tries to properly fix. However we can now say that the Lake is holding its water well.

Plans continue to redevelop Camp 1. Our insurance case for the Chapel at Camp 2 is now in the hands of NZI. Please pray with us for a good outcome so we can move forward in the planning of the new Chapel.

The new Crate Climb activity has been getting a lot of use recently. It's been great to see kids pushing themselves to try this new activity.

Once again we hosted the Tough Guy & Gal challenge here at CYC in June. There were 3864 competitors PLUS spectators over 5 days!

Steven, Jane and their nine children moved onto camp on the 1st of June. We have been carrying out renovations on their house so it is better suited for their family. A massive thanks to Kimpton Builders for their help.

We recently just signed up and had training for a new bookings and events system called Venue360. This is going to be a massive help in the office as it'll streamline our booking, communicating and invoicing process for groups hiring the camp site. It will also be a great asset for the ministry camps we run with all the camp registrations going through Venue360 in a user friendly manner.



New CYC uniforms have been ordered and we have new CYC hoodies available for purchase.

An update has just been carried out on our website! You can check it out yourself by heading to: [www.cyc.org.nz](http://www.cyc.org.nz)

## From the Director

Even after working here for nine months and living here since June it still seems surreal to be at CYC. I was eight and a half when I first came to CYC as a camper, which was an experience that literally changed my life. I gave my life to the Lord in the days after that camp, as I reflected on what I had experienced here and 37 odd years later, I still remember it well.

Moving from farming to camp hasn't been too much of a change, with lots of the compliance paper work and project management being pretty much the same and, my nine kids are loving the camp life. The big change for me and the best part of the job is being able to input into so many people's lives, from staff to contractors, camp leaders to campers, and camper's parents.

The Ministry Camps we hold in the School Holidays are the highlight for all the staff as we show campers God's love in action. For some attending it is the first chance to hear the gospel, for others, it is the prompting they need to make a lifelong commitment to follow God.

It is crucial to CYC that God is at the center of all we do, and in that vein, I am keen to set up a regular prayer group that can meet on site once a month and be updated via email during the month with any pressing or general prayer needs. CYC is God's property and by default, it comes under attack from the enemy, so if you feel God is prompting you to stand with us then please contact me at [director@cyc.org.nz](mailto:director@cyc.org.nz) so you can be involved.

Steven Miers



*Blessings*

*From the team at CYC*

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