



Gotta Getaway! - Spending time with the Cornerstone family at church camp.

Hello!!! From the Team Leaders

By Josh Lum Mow & Dan Marr

Welcome to our third newsletter for the year! It has been an absolute joy to share with you what God has been doing amongst the youth at CY so far this year.

There are many great articles packed into this newsletter! We hope you find it an enjoyable and insightful read.

In this edition, you can expect:

- a summary of Term 3
- a summary of the book of Ruth
- 3 x event spotlights
- interviews with the 2 leaders that have the funniest laugh in the leadership team.
- interviews with a Year 7 & 12
- info about Term 4 and prayer points

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Summary of Term 3

The World is Bigger than Me

By Jayne Ling

Term 3 has been one of the most, if not the most, eventful term yet. Eventful not only in the sense that a lot of “stuff” happened, but eventful in the number of mind-opening and heart-opening things God has taught us over the 10 weeks at CY. In many ways, Term 3 has been a shift away from focusing on our personal issues, towards a more informed perspective on what is happening in our communities and in God’s world. A song that I have floating in the back of my mind as I ponder is the very old traditional American folk hymn, “He’s got the whole world in His hands”. Indeed, that message is the common thread in all of the major events we have had this term at CY.

Finishing off Hebrews

We finished studying Hebrews, a book in the New Testament written by an enigmatic author, but with a very clear message; that Jesus is superior and we are warned to put off sin and encouraged to fix our eyes on Jesus. The overall response at the conclusion of this intensive stint on the study of Hebrews was mostly encouraging. The most encouraging aspect was seeing the youth wrestle with God’s Word and as a result, being challenged and transformed to put their practice of faith into action (Hebrews 11:1).



ABOVE: Junior girls showing off their onesies. All Onesie in Christ! (Yes, they were the inspiration for the Getaway dress-up theme.)

Studying Ruth

There is more to glean (excuse the pun) from the book of Ruth than just your typical Cinderella story. Between the widowing of an Israelite woman, Naomi, and the ceremonial sandal-undressing of a kinsman redeemer, we got to meet an unlikely female protagonist named

Quick Look

Avg. number of youth	56
Number of weeks	10
Books studied	Hebrews, Ruth
Events	Other Religions, RICE, Getaway, Operation World Prayer Night
New & Noteworthy	CY Mini-Event at Getaway

Ruth. This short four-study series was not lacking in funny moments marked by some memorable quotes (from the Year 7-8 girls):

“Boab becomes the kinsman redeemer of Ruth and Naomi.”
“Do you mean Boaz?”

“I just had a huge revelation! Kinsman redeemer is exactly what its name says – someone who is a kin, a man and a redeemer.”

Through reading about Ruth’s unwarranted faithfulness and obedience to her mother-in-law, we discovered a bigger and more faithful God who orchestrated every event in order to bring about his master plan, culminating in the sending of our true kinsman redeemer, Jesus.

World Religions

Earlier on in the term, we invited some speakers to give us some insight into three major world religions or spiritual practices, including: Roman Catholicism, Islam and Buddhism. After an epic battle of balloons between the three speakers, they put their differences aside and spoke about the world religions. Pastor Mark Powell gave a comprehensive summary of the theology and practices of Catholicism. Giving example from his personal experience growing up as a devout Catholic, Mark respectfully dealt with the core differences between Catholicism and Christianity.

Pastor C.S Tang spoke about the origins and philosophy of Buddhism, and Jess Smith gave a very helpful overview of the 5 pillars that define being a Muslim. The takeaway message was not to focus on winning an argument, but building real relationships through prayer, walking the talk (1 Peter 3:15) and pointing them to the heart issues that Jesus deals with.

Summary of Term 3 (cont'd)

The World is Bigger than Me

By Jayne Ling



Sin is a hard task master whose wages are death. Thank you Jesus, who grants us true freedom, where death is not the end but a beginning - RICE Rally 2013 was awesome, really encouraging to see God's word soften and touch so many hearts tonight.

- Nathan, Year 10

RICE

Freedom. Thousands of hyped up teenagers. Haymarket food court packed full of Asians. Homemade youth group signage. Mesmerising dancers. Steve Chong. I could just leave it at that, but it would not have done RICE rally 2013 any justice because the central purpose of this ministry is to bring the good news of Jesus to the youth of Sydney – and that, they did! In a world which thinks freedom is a life without limit where the biggest threat for teenagers is the HSC, we heard about what we are really slaves to – sin. Steve Chong preached from John 8 on the freedom that Jesus grants us, and I could not have summarised the night better than this young person:

Getaway

This year at our annual church getaway, we had our first ever CY event during discussion time. Gathering in a big auditorium, we sang praises to God, shared about the things we had been learning from the talks, and prayed for one another. This was followed by some shameless fun in a series of mini messy games. Unfortunately my gag reflex prevents me from describing these games, especially one involving raw eggs, a clear plastic pipe and too much saliva exchange.

Operation World Prayer Night

CY finished the term with an Operation World Prayer Night, where we focused on the 'ten forty' window, which is an area of the world in which many millions of people are either unreached, or have very limited access to the gospel. Anna Zhang shared with us from her experience teaching English among the Hui people group in China, while Natalie Garven spoke of her mission trip to Taiwan, ministering to the working class women and children.

We also learnt about the oppression and spiritual needs of the Dalit or "untouchable" people in India. Towards the second half of the night, the school hall in which we met was filled with the voices of youth as we prayed for these people groups who are in desperate need of the Gospel. The night challenged the youth to be part of God's global mission through becoming Prayers, Senders and Go-ers.

What an amazing term and all credit to an amazingly big God who, indeed, has the whole world in His hands!



Above: Leo (we think...) after one of our messy games!
Below: Our speakers for the World Religions night battle it out in the balloon arena.



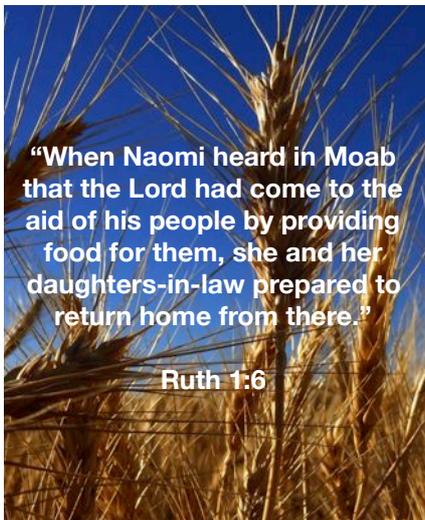
Book Summary

Ruth - A Story of God's Faithful Love

By Josh Lum Mow

Ruth is a Moabitess; a gentile, not an Israelite. She is also a woman, living in a patriarchal society. So how is it that this gentile woman managed to get a book of the Bible named after her? (Not that I'm complaining, the book of Joshua was named after me.)

If you have seen the highly acclaimed *Les Misruthables*, then you'll know exactly why. By God's grace, Ruth plays a major role in redemptive history. Through her faithfulness and commitment to God and his covenant, Ruth becomes an ancestress to the greatest king of Israel, and ultimately, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ.



"When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there."

Ruth 1:6

The book of Ruth is a fantastic and well written narrative. But it's no Harry Potter, or Twilight, or insert whatever other fantasy novel you please. As fantastic a story Ruth is, the magical or supernatural aspects and intervention from God we might be accustomed to expect are strikingly absent.

The book of Ruth is fantastic not because we are wowed by signs and wonders that suspend our belief in reality. On the contrary, we are

wowed and awestruck by the ordinary, yet extraordinary actions of faithful, God fearing men and women in everyday life.

Often we think that God is just the God of the extraordinary. We forget the fact that everything that does happen, only happens because of Him. He is as much the God of the 'ordinary', working through every day people and interactions to accomplish his purposes, as he is the God of the 'extraordinary'. Yes, God can work miracles to make things happen, but he delights in fulfilling his purposes through ordinary people who through faithful living decide to honour God above all else.

In the book of Ruth, the major theme running through the pages is this idea of hesed; faithful or covenant love. Primarily, hesed is shown and expressed by God to His people through his faithfulness to his covenant, exemplified by their salvation out of Egypt and deliverance into the promised land. And it is precisely because of God's hesed to people, that people are able to show hesed towards God. Much in the same way that our faith is a gift from God, a person's ability to have hesed is only by God's grace and hesed towards them.

Having bumped into some Israelites on the run, this seemingly tragic, family story is a blessing in disguise for Ruth. Soon aquatinted with the Israelites way of life, and most likely heard of the salvation and deliverance by the God of Israel, Ruth is determined that she wants in. The faithfulness Ruth has seen God show to the Israelites is the same faithfulness that Ruth determines to show towards Naomi. Ruth wants to become a full blown Israelite, adopting Naomi's people as her people and Naomi's God as her God - a total contrast to her sister-in-law Orpah. Ruth left her old,

Moabite ways behind and converts to follow the true and living God. From here, the rest of the book is

soaked in the hesed of Ruth and Boaz. The seemingly ordinary actions are in fact motivated and done out of faithfulness to God and the covenant. In fact, these ordinary actions are not so ordinary when you consider the personal cost to follow through with them. Under the law, Ruth has no obligation to look after Naomi, and Boaz goes well beyond the letter of the law to provide for Ruth.

"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son."

Ruth 4:13

On the surface, we see two really nice people doing stuff to look after other people. In actuality, we are witnessing the transforming grace of God in the lives of believers and how it causes them to act in self-sacrificial love towards God and others. Furthermore, the many coincidences are in fact the outworking of God's hesed and faithfulness in carrying out his plan to redeem all people. For through this seemingly ordinary story of nice people comes a son, through whom kings would spring forth eventuating in the true King and Lord of all, Jesus.

In Jesus, God's hesed towards mankind is displayed in all its glory. There was absolutely no reason that God should send his son to come as a man, to live on this earth and to die so that his enemies, we who reject God, could be redeemed and reconciled. God goes beyond any obligation to demonstrate his faithful love to us through his promise and covenant, and at great cost to Himself, we who are undeserving are the beneficiaries of such a great and faithful love.

As recipients and objects of God's love and grace, how can we do anything but respond and live our lives to display the very same hesed that God has shown to us.



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Event Spotlight #1 (RICE) RICE Rally 2013: Freedom

By Leo Chan

RICE, it is not a word that you would normally associate with a massive evangelistic night, where thousands upon thousands of youth get together to hear from God's word. Is it called RICE because of all the Asians that flock to the entertainment centre and fill it up like grains of rice in a rice bag?

Sometimes we go to events and don't really think about what is the events vision or even what the name of the event might stand for. The mission for RICE is "to create disciples of Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel, in partnership with local churches." Hence the name RICE; Renewal & Inter-church Evangelism. So every year RICE creates an event where the youth of Sydney can come and invite their friends to hear the word of God. There also is a time in the night where people can respond to the message and be plugged into churches where they can be followed up and looked after.

Organising transport was slightly different this year. There just happened to be a wedding of an ex-CY leader on the exact same night as RICE. This pulled away some of the leaders, especially most of the older leaders. It was also very different this year because it was the first RICE Josh Lum Mow has missed in the 11 years rice has been on [Editors note: actually, he missed 2004, but this is the first time missed it as a leader!]. On top of all the really old CY leaders not being able to help, there was another group of CY leaders who were involved with running RICE. This meant that they would also abandon the youth. Even though all hope seemed lost for the youth a bunch of very capable CY leaders stepped up to the challenge.

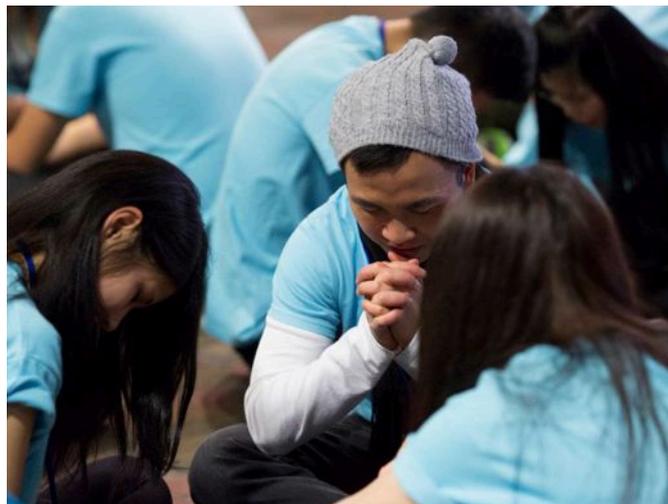
With Josh Lum Mow and Daniel Marr missing, a new leader of leaders was needed. Even though the odds were against us, Dan Yeung took the challenge. The fearless leader had to come up with a well thought and organised plan to be able to get through the night. It was decided that we were to meet up at Strathfield station at 3:30pm sharp. Even though we emphasised on getting there no later than 3:30 and on top of that we gave a big buffer until we had to catch the train, people were still late. This was the first big hurdle Dan had to overcome. After some debate a decision was made that we would leave without the late comers. Seeing that we had other youth waiting for us at central and that some of the leaders were actually late that could bring the rest of the youth, it seemed like the right choice to do. On a train with a carriage full of junior girls screaming at the same time, made the trip feel like it was going to forever. Eventually we got to central and met up with all the other youth that had decided to go to the city by themselves.



For dinner the youth were set free to choose whatever food they wanted in the food court at market city. Even though we had dinner at 4:15, we had to leave soon so that we could beat the crowd and get good seats. Despite all our efforts to get there early there were already hundreds of youth waiting outside the entertainment centre. Luckily the gate that we had was empty and so we were first in line. Eventually we were let in and we had first pick of the ground floor seats. With the power to be able to pick any seat, we picked the seats that were on the furthest right of the stage. These probably weren't the best seats but I like to think that we are a very gracious youth group and we wanted to let other youth groups have the better seats.

As usual, RICE started off with some light entertainment where two guys get up and try to be funny/entertaining. Then the videos, songs, and dance parts of the night come in. A few people from CY were involved in this part of the night. It is always good to see CY being represented at RICE and be able to share their gifts with everyone. After all these things had happened Steve Chong got up and gave his talk. The theme of the night was freedom and so obviously Steve's talk was on that too. Steve was able to really engage with the youth with his million stories but he was also able to clearly share God's word.

At the end of the talk there is an opportunity for people to respond to the talk. From CY there were a few that recommitted and some that committed their life to God for the first time. A bunch of youth also went out the back to talk to some counsellors. It was great that I was able to follow a group of boys and listen in. The counsellor was great at explaining what happens after you commit yourself to God. As I sat there listening I couldn't help but praise God for how many people were there talking and praying for each other. After 10 minutes or so my group finished and we went back inside where the night wrapped up.



Event Spotlight #2 (Getaway) Getting Away Together

By Josh Lum Mow



Dan gets a mouthful of egg-water during our first game at Getaway

Getaway is Cornerstone's annual weekend away. From September 13-15, our three congregations met together in fellowship under God's word at the Tops Conference Centre and heard from Chris Chia about 'Experiencing God'.

The CYers were encouraged to come along, and we had a sizable group over the weekend. As leaders, we wanted to use this opportunity to have some fun as a youth group together to help build community and unity amongst the youth. On Saturday afternoon after lunch, the adults went to discussion groups, and CY ran our own session.

We kicked it off with a few songs, as we love singing together at CY. Following that, I (Josh) shared from Romans 12:3-16 about what it means for us to experience God through our relationships. We were reminded that the bond and unity we share because of Christ goes deeper than a shared interest, such as you would find in a club or community group.

The gospel of Christ affects our whole lives and connects us at a profound level. We are united with Christ and with each other through his blood. We are

Event Spotlight #2 (cont'd)

Getting Away Together



family. Because of this, we should share our lives with one another, not simply our interests. Romans 12:15 reminds us to share in each others joy, as well as share in each others pain. As Christians, we can genuinely do this because of the relationship we have with each other in the body of Christ. After this we broke off into groups to pray together, and then the fun began.

Since we were at camp, and people were able to take showers, we figured we might as well get them messy. We played two games which involved water, egg, apples, pears, marshmallows and flour. And no, we weren't baking a cake!

The first game would test the youth on their capacity to put themselves in front of a group, as well as the capacity of their lungs. If you have been to enough Getaways you would remember the game where an egg is cracked into the middle of a long clear tube. Two people stand each at either end of the tube, and on the count of three battle it out by trying to blow the egg through the tube and into the other person's face. A very scary game to play, but extremely fun to watch. Many eggs were flung high and into faces that day.

The next game would prove to test a wide range of abilities, and even stretch the best of the best. This was a game of speed, agility, and deftness of mouth. The youth were split into teams, and lined up to face a throng of obstacles - who doesn't love a relay to force participation?

The first stage was to run to a small basket in the middle, and grab a pear or apple. They would then race to one of several buckets filled with water. After dropping the fruit into the bucket, the separation of



sheep and goats began. Those who talk a lot (ie. big mouths) had the advantage, though technique and skill were also advantageous. Heads were dunked multiple times into the buckets of water in a desperate attempt to retrieve the fruit.

Once successful, they would progress to the final stage - putting a marshmallow in their mouth. Except there was a catch. The marshmallow was hidden in an ice cream tub of flour. Face dripping with water from the last challenge, they were plunged into the fine dry powder and rubbed around in the hope of feeling something slightly more solid. When the lost marshmallow was found, the competitor would rise up from the ground, face as white as snow (well, flour actually) first-pumping and half choking from the taste of raw flour, beckoning their team mate at the other end to begin the grueling challenge.

So, who were the winners? No one knew, and no one really cared. It was fun, it was messy, and we had a great time. Mission accomplished.





ABOVE: Brendan interviews Nat about the situation in Taiwan. Nat went on a short term mission with Credo earlier this year to Taiwan.

Event Spotlight #3 Operation World Prayer Night Ten Forty - A Window Into the Unreached

By Anna Zhang

CY's second Operation World Prayer Night, titled "Ten Forty", was a night of learning about the world's unreached people needs, the nature and challenges of ministry amongst them, singing out to God for his glory and grace to be made known in and through these peoples' lives, and, of course, sharing poo stories from the field.

There are two billion people in the world today. There are 16,000 people groups¹. Over 6,000 are considered unreached². That's one third of the world's population. There are only 100,000 missionaries in the world today. Approximately 3% work amongst the unreached people groups of the world. 70% of Asians have never heard of Jesus Christ. Half the world's population live on less than \$2 a day. 30,000 people starve to death every day.

There are around 13 million orphans worldwide. Over the past hour, 1,625 children were forced to live on the street, 1,667 children were forced to live on the streets, 1,667 children died from malnutrition or diseases, 115 children became prostitutes, 257 children were orphaned because of HIV/AIDS.³

These figures and statistics confronted us all as we began our second annual Operation World Prayer Night (a night where we learn about the needs of the world around us and cultivate bold, informed and specific prayer for the people of the world). This year's focus was the 10/40 window (the countries between 10 and 40 degrees latitude, stretching from North Africa across East Asia). Inside this 'window' is where the

¹ A people group is a collection of people who share a common culture, language and sense of identity.

² An unreached people group is such a group without a self-sustaining fellowship and thus outreach.

³ These figures and statistics were viewed in the video titled "Until the World Hears - Go or send to unreached people" on Youtube.

Event Spotlight (cont'd)

Ten Forty - A Window Into the Unreached

By Anna Zhang

majority of the world's unreached people groups live. Of the world's 50 least reached groups, 37 of them are within this window. Besides being unreached, this area is also where the world's poorest of the poor live, with approximately 80% residing in this region.



Above: CYers having a go at the Kampei simulation game
Right: Nat sharing about Taiwan

It seems obvious that much of the church's efforts should be focused on this region of the world, yet less than 3% of all cross-cultural workers and financial resources goes to ministry here! We wanted CY to be more aware of and eager to be prayerful for the different needs of different unreached people groups and people sectors within the 10/40 window, i.e., the nature, needs and challenges of living amongst them, serving them and reaching them with the gospel.

Part of helping each other get a sneak peek into the nature of cross-cultural outreach, we played a simulation game. We broke off into two groups, half of us were Aussies meeting a people group who have just recently migrated to Australia, the 'Kampeis'. The other half became the Kampeis by learning the language and culturally appropriate ways in which to relate with one another. After these groups were ready to mingle, what ensued was culturally offensive interactions that resulted in creating tension, mistrust and even emotional damage as many Kampeis broke their rubber bands (ask your kids why!). After some debrief and learning about respective cultures, friendship was given a second chance, with some success. "I learnt that being an honest learner rather than trying to be in their face made friendship possible", said one CYer. Well done, CYer. That is exactly right. Often we have the stereotype that a missionary is someone who is an evangelist, confident, extraverted and ambitious. However, Jesus teaches us

that it is the one who is like a child who enters the Kingdom; the one who loves the poor with their hands who He knows; the one who dies in the place of others who truly serves. It is the servant hearted, individual loving, humble and eager to learn who make the most effective displays of God's love and grace to the perishing in high and low places.

The rest of the evening was spent rotating amongst 'prayer stations'. We had three stations: the working classes of Taiwan, the Hui (Muslim) people of China and the abandoned children of China and India. In the Taiwanese working classes station, Natalie Garven—recently returned from her short-term mission trip to Taipei—shared insights into the life of a working class person in Taiwan, the barriers there are for working class Taiwanese to encounter Jesus in a society where Christianity is seen as something for the middle class, and the bridges that have been built and the victories that have been won in reaching these people with the gospel.



In the Muslim Chinese station, yours truly shared about where the Hui people fit in the Islamic world, the unique challenges in reaching them for the gospel, and some of the ways modern workers (shhh! There is no such thing as missionaries in China!) have sought to do this through family network outreach.

In the abandoned children station, Jayne Ling led the CYers in intercessory prayer for the many child temple prostitutes in Hindu India, the Dalits, or 'Untouchables', orphans and children in China abandoned by their parents due to being born deformed or with mental disabilities. The CYers seemed to be really engaged in these prayer stations; eager to learn and eager to pray! According to Goerge Otis, Jr., who has spent several years analyzing more than a dozen communities where God has transformed people, in his book *Informed Intercession*, says that two

Event Spotlight (cont'd)

Ten Forty - A Window Into the Unreached

By Anna Zhang



factors recur in *every* place he investigated: persevering and committed leaders and fervent and united prayer where “intercessors addressed specific concerns in common cause”. Please pray that this night will raise up such intercessors and senders of such leaders now and into the future.

A night like this would be futile if it did not inspire the above long-term. We ended the night with three challenges:

1. Pray

- For the people you’ve learnt about tonight.
- For unreached and minority people groups.
- Download the app: Unreached of the Day (joshuaproject.net)
- Get together with a group of people once a fortnight/month for those God has, and will in the future, put amongst these peoples to lovingly, contextually, self-denyingly share the gospel and their lives.

2. Send

- Support (with prayer and financially) those considering going overseas to reach people with the gospel.
- Encourage and pray for those already on the field (send them emails of encouragement and share what God has been teaching you and doing in your life).

- Get together a group of people at your local church to regularly learn more about and pray for a people group or go-er.

3. Go

- Have you been praying for God to burden you with His will for His world?
- Has God challenged you about stepping out in faith and love? Then act now!

These challenges are as much for us as for our CY youth, so “ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37). May we and the CYers be like Jesus, that “when he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36).



Anna shares about the Hui people of China

Get-To-Know-A-Leader



Beth Buchanan (Year 11 Girls)

What do you do outside of CY?

I shoot people. Artistically.

[Editors note: Don't freak out. She's a photographer!]

Funniest memory of CY

1. Talking about how in the New Creation we'll have new bodies

Jess: So does that mean we'll be.....HOT?

2. Trying to get an answer out of the group. The answer was meant to be 'the armour of God'.

Lena: oh! oh! oh! It's the ummmmm.....
the!!!.....ummmm!!!..... THE SHOULDER
PADS OF GLORY!

And yes, she was being dead serious.

What do you love about leading?

Seeing the CYers grow into people who love Christ, who love growing in Christ, and who want others around them to also accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour. With Brendan as their role model. He's so hot right now. Ladies, he's still single.

Get-To-Know-A-CYer



Justin (Year 7)

Funniest memory of CY

The funniest memory of CY for me is when I went on a social to Laser Tag with my year 7-8 group. There are two main reasons for this. It was my first time I had ever played laser tag and secondly we were playing against children half our size which made it really easy. I had lots of fun and overall it was a really good day spending time with my group.

Why do you come to CY?

Ever since my parents brought me along to my first CY, I have enjoyed coming every week. The main reason for this is that CY is a great place where I can learn about the power of God and the love he showed us through his son Jesus. Additionally, it's a great place for a person my age to go.

What is one thing you have learnt at CY this term?

Recently, I learnt about the book of Ruth. One of the things I learned was that Ruth and Boaz were both willing to give up their comforts and wants to follow and trust what God had planned. For me, I have things that I enjoy such as games or money but now I realize that I should put God in front of these things instead and follow in the example of Ruth. I learned that humans fail and we are definitely not perfect which is why we couldn't go to heaven without Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. It is through God's amazing grace and love that we are able to go to heaven.

Get-To-Know-A-Leader



Dan Yeung (Year 9 Boys)

What do you do outside of CY?

Outside of CY I am a full-time student at the University of Sydney and am in my final six weeks of a 5-year combined Education and Arts degree. Yes, I will be a teacher soon! I teach high school English, Drama and EALD (English as an additional language/dialect – formerly ESL). I just finished my thesis on boys and their literacy practices – so I'm glad the stress of all that is over! I also work part-time as a high school English tutor at a small tutoring centre aptly titled 'The Brain'. I enjoy catching up with friends over coffee, watching good films, reading and laughing at Anna's poo jokes and experiences.

Funniest memory of CY

I have a lot of funny memories of CY. Any of the BGR skits have made me laugh particularly Beth's creepy girl performances. Any of the many times Anna has shared her toilet jokes and experiences. In my Year 9 boys group this year there have been a few. Collin's rendition of Jacob wrestling with God with a broken hip has always elicited a laugh, or when studying Ruth in one particular study, Collin said about Ruth's transformation from Moabitess to becoming the daughter-in-law of an Israelite: "Ruth is like Michael Jackson. She changed race." Or when Marc said something along the lines of "So Orpah and Ruth went in completely different directions. Orpah decided to own her own talk-show and Ruth just wanted to be in the Bible." I still want to know what goes on in those boys' minds!

What do you love about leading?

I love seeing the youth grow and mature in Christ, studying the bible with them and seeing the Gospel work in their lives. Seeing the youth understand what it personally means to them is such a joy to witness. Every week I love getting to know my boys better and watching how God is slowly growing them. I love leading alongside the other awesome leaders, particularly with Steve, my co-leader. Serving together with unity and purpose makes each Friday something to look forward to at the end of a sometimes long and tiring weeks.

Get-To-Know-A-CYer



Libbi (Year 12)

Funniest memory of CY

CY has its many quirky perks and funny memories come and go. Making Ethan jump a metre up in the air because of a sneaky 'boo' is worthy of mention but I think the most noteworthy was when a cute junior boy misread "sexual immorality" for "sexual immortality". That was a winner!

Why do you come to CY?

I've been coming to CY ever since my embarrassing year 7 days and I can't pinpoint any single week that I have not been encouraged by what I learn or by my fellow brothers and sisters! CY is every bit a home to me and I come every week knowing that I am safe and loved by this family. Being able to share my life and have others share with me their lives is such a blessing and over these years, the relationships that have formed and grown are a testament of God's abounding love and generosity. Every Friday, I am so blessed to be able to come from a week of learning calculus, belonging or the symbolism in feminist art, to a group who pray, share and sing praises together. Growing and learning about our Father as a maturing group of Christians has really helped and guided me to live my life for no-one but Him. Year 12 has had its challenges and what I've experienced and gained from the Bible studies and others' sharing this year has all been such rich blessings!

What is one thing you have learnt at CY this term?

The program of CY this term has been one of my favourites - a big happy smiley to the topical nights! Learning about the religions of Buddhism, Islam and Roman Catholicism was a really enriching experience and having the topical night on the last week of term was a good way of further understanding the world around me. Just being able to hear and see a small glimpse into the lives of people in Taiwan and China – people who lead such different lifestyles and experience things we will never experience here in Australia - was so interesting and enriching! These topicals confirmed how important it is to be a good witness for Christ and how God raises up people to minister to other nations.

What Now? Next Term

By Josh Lum Mow

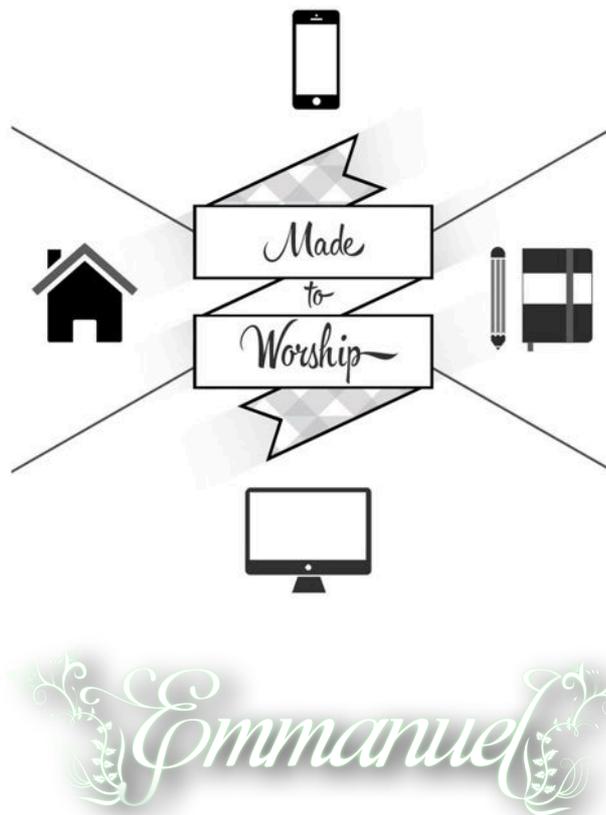
Coming Up in Term 4

To finish off the year, we'll be studying the book of 1 Peter and learning about how as Christians, we are called to be different in the world, essentially living as aliens and strangers. We've also got the following exciting, events lined up.

Made to Worship - This is a special event on the topic of 'worship'. We'll look at what worship in the Bible actually is, and what implications that has for how we worship God.

Breakup Party! - Kind of like our end-of-year presentation night for CY. Parents and the Cornerstone community are welcome as we hear from the youth about what they learnt this year, give thanks to God for what he has done, and pray for the future of CY.

Emmanuel - Our annual Christmas praise night. Stay tuned for more details!



What Now? Prayer Support

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Term 3

1. Thank God for the Other Religions topical at CY. Pray that the youth will continue relating to/and make new connections within their culturally-diverse environments.
2. Thank God for the evangelical work of RICE, that all who decided to follow Christ will continue to be nurtured, looked after, and be surrounded by good Christian community and fellowship.

Term 4:

1. Pray that the youth of CY will come to a deeper understanding of the meaning of living as daily-worshipping sacrifices to God.
2. Pray for that the youth would continue to learn from the Bible studies.
3. Pray for the Year 12's as they complete their HSC exams.
4. Pray for the Year 6's as they settle into CY and build new relationships.