

**Report on The National Camps run by Young Leaders of
The Girls' Brigade and The Young Men's Brigade, Thailand**
28 - 30 July 2007 at Hua Hin



YMB Camp - All Boys Camp, run by boys

The National Camps are organised for the purpose of getting together children and youths who meet weekly in their dispersed locations all over Thailand. Through these National Camps, they learn to live, work and play in harmony with those who may be totally different from themselves.

In recent years, the National Camps have become a platform for the Young Leaders to try out their leadership skills, while being mentored and guided by their officers. The camp committee consisted of young leaders from all over Thailand, chosen in 2006. They met in May 2007 for a Planning Retreat. It is amazing how the young people rise to the occasion when faced with the challenging tasks of planning, organizing and running the camps.



GB - All Girls Camp, run by girls



Boys of different capabilities

This year, two camps were held concurrently at two different locations in Hua Hin. One for the boys (70 campers) and another for the girls (200 campers). The theme of the camps was "The 3-Strand Cord", with emphasis on living in Harmony with others so as to build a stronger society, just like a 3-strand cord that is hard to break, as compared to a single strand. Those who went to the camps included some physically and mentally challenged participants and it was good to see how other campers rallied to help them feel included.

Activities included Team Games, Beach Sports, Learning how to Handle Conflicts using the "Cloud Tool", Making Pop-Up Cards to give to the Southern provinces in Thailand, Foot Drill, Group Talent Show, Making their own souvenir of 3-strand cord, etc..



Special Foot work within the team



Team Work

At the end of the camp, it was amazing how quickly the campers made new friends in such a short span of 3 days and were exchanging addresses and telephone numbers with each other. For a number of them, they were saying goodbyes to old friends whom they have known because of

these get-togethers. They eagerly await the next National Camp in 2009!



Girls making pop-up cards for kids in Southern provinces