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Fall Newsletter



Fall 2017

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NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



[DIRECTOR'S NOTES]

I was sitting around a table with some people the other day and was asked who we are and what we do. They only knew us from peaches and the little bit that someone had told them. It was so much fun to be able to share that we are so much more than peaches. In fact, it runs so much deeper than that.

Our ministry is not a program, it is not a transaction, it is deeply loving and doing life with students. Many of the kids we work with believe they will never make it out of the hand life has dealt them. We refuse to accept that. We are committed to these kids because we know that Jesus loves these young people and wants them to know his love for them. No matter our backgrounds, we believe we are sent to give life to their stories because God has given life to ours, regardless of how different those stories might be. It might be in the juvenile detention center. I might be in Woodrow or Red River ALC. It might be one on one with a young lady who finds herself pregnant and alone. Our goal is to bring darkness into the light and see God give life to the stories of our kids.

As we begin another ministry season, please pray for the kids we work with. Pray that God would bring hope where there is none. Pray that we would continue to find favor with the teachers, staff, and administration that we work with. Pray for some amazing people who are willing to give up their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of kids. Finally, please pray that God would provide for the \$30,000 shortfall we are dealing with due to this season's peach crop.

Thanks for believing in what God is doing here at Youth for Christ!



Greg Everett
Executive Director

P.S. In case you missed it, our office is now located at 11 18th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103.

[OUR MISSION]

YFC radically loves and brings hope to teens by working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

YFC provides a safe and friendly place to learn leadership skills, to think about important issues and to develop quality relationships with peers and with caring adults.

YFC's 5 Ministry Essentials:

- WIDESPREAD PRAYER
- FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING
- LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
- ADULTS WHO EMPOWER
- COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

A TIME TO LAUGH AND TO LEARN!

Tuesday, November 14th
Bethel Church, Fargo, ND

Featuring the hilarious and Family-friendly comedy of **JOHN CRIST!**

For more information and tickets please visit www.redriveryfc.com/events

Interested in Sponsoring this event?
Contact the RRYFC office (701)237-6682

**This is a fundraising event to benefit Red River Youth for Christ.*



[GOLF TOURNAMENT]



We held our RRYFC Golf Tournament at Moorhead Country Club on June 9th. We had a beautiful day for golfing and want to thank everyone that participated in helping make this event a success.

[PEACHES]



The line from the last week of peaches. Thanks for the support!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us in this year's peach fundraiser. Our last two shipments of peaches from Colorado were canceled due to weather issues contributing to a smaller crop. Though the season went well, we have concern about losing the potential income of the last two shipments.



Some of the many volunteers from Blue Cross Blue Shield.



Thank you for a great fruit season!

To everyone who bought peaches and to our partners LIFE 97.9, Magnum, Scheels Home & Hardware, Bell State Bank & Trust, Black Bear Orchards, and Martin Family Orchards. Also, special thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield and to all of our volunteers.

[JUVENILE CENTER]

- **Two weekly worship services** held Sunday evenings at West Central Juvenile Center in Moorhead.
- Summer attendance ranged from **6-12 kids** from the non-secure floor and **12-20** from the secured floor.
- **Services consist of** a few older hymns and sharing Jesus with them through scriptures.

[DANIEL PROJECT]



- New in April- the Daniel Project is a **Christ centered Power-lifting program.**
- This program ran through the summer with these high risk teens **lifting 3 times a week.**
- This program partnered with **Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Park Christian School.**

[WOODROW WILSON HS]

- The **lunch program is under way** again this year and we were welcomed back with open arms from students and staff.
- We are still **looking for volunteers** to fill a couple of weeks for the fall semester. Please contact the YFC office for more information.

[RED RIVER ALC]

- We have been bringing ice cream treats weekly and **began our regular weekly release program** again the first week in October.
- We are currently **looking for volunteers** to hang out with teens assist with the programing one day a week.
- Park Christian School is blessing us by **providing transportation** to and from Red River ALC.

[PARENT LIFE]

- Three teen moms **graduated from high school in June**
- Four teens **completed the Parenting with Love and Logic class.** Another Love and Logic class will be starting in November.
- Three babies **were born over the summer.**
- Meeting up with and **mentoring 30 teen moms.**

"I met a young woman in February when she was two months pregnant. She was very defensive and secretive. As we got to know each other her walls slowly started coming down and she started to share more about her life. Both her parents were drug addicts and had spent time in prison, they were in recovery when we met. This young woman had experienced things no one, especially a child, should have to see or go through. She lived with her grandmother and she was very angry with her parents because of what she had been through. After several months of sharing Jesus with this young woman, she accepted Jesus into her heart. Her life isn't perfect, but she is moving forward now rather than staying stuck in her anger and forgiveness. She is raising her baby girl and sharing Jesus with her everyday."

Linda Bass
RRYFC Staff



[INTRODUCING...]

It is a bittersweet time as we say goodbye to Emalee Hedberg and say hello to Danielle Hill. Danielle has stepped in to fill the Special projects coordinator position after Emalee and her husband moved closer to home and family in Minnesota. Emalee will be missed, but we are excited to introduce you to Danielle.

Hello, I am Danielle Hill. I graduated from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, with a Bachelor's degree in Technology Art & Design. Since college I have worked in management, events, and the printing industry. I moved to Fargo almost two years ago and have grown to love the area and the people. I have volunteered for various Christ-based youth organizations over the years and was beyond thrilled when Emalee informed me about the opening at RRYFC. This position allows me to use my design background, event planning, and love for people to make a positive impact in the lives of teens in our community. I have especially enjoyed the start of the programs within the schools and beginning the process of building relationships with these students.



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