

July 1, 2019

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We had a great year at Red River Alternative Center, and it is hard to believe another school year has come to an end. ending with us getting all the kids on the last day of school. Last year we were asked to take all the students for the last day of school and had a turnout in the mid-teens. This year we received permission to do it again, almost 30 kids came, and we all had a great time. We first take the kids to church and do a short program to feed them spiritually by sharing the gospel. Then we help them give back to the community through a service project. This was followed by a cookout at Johnson Park in North Moorhead.

After lunch, the kids got a chance to just chill, enjoy the park, or go for a hike. The last thing we did was take them to the Fargo Theatre for a movie. When we rent one of the theatres, we can bring in any movie we like. I happen to be a Kevin James fan, so this year I chose Paul Blart: Mall Cop.



Her first student of the week.

With the end of the school year at West Central Regional Detention Center, we have opportunities to go in the afternoons and spend more time with kids. We plan to do a bible study with the kids. This is just another opportunity for more one-on-one time with them. A few weeks ago, we met with the administration and they are very open to us spending more time with the kids. God has given us great favor at West Central; to build relationships with these kids and share Jesus with them is truly a privilege.

This summer we are working to start lifting again using the Daniel Project. This is a faith based weightlifting program that we started up two years ago. We will be using Park Christian School's weight room again and lifting three days a week. This year Park Christian is partnering with me by offering the weight room free of charge when staff are in the vicinity. This is a huge blessing. The Daniel Project is just another way for us to stay connected with kids, love on them, and share Jesus with them.



Service Project

One of the main goals of our ministry here at Youth for Christ is to build relationships with the kids that the Lord brings into our lives. One young lady who God brought into my life has touched me, reminding me why we do what we do. God has given us incredible opportunities to love on her, be the hands and feet of Jesus, and point her towards Christ. I met her at Red River Alternative Learning Center over a year ago, and now she is at West Central Regional Detention Center. When she was in shelter care, we were able to take her to church on Sunday mornings and lunch after that. My heart breaks every time I sit with her. She has absolutely no family in her life and her caseworker has primary care of her. She struggles with her temper, which gets her in trouble on a constant basis. I have had many opportunities to sit and have one-on-one conversations with her. She has hope and dreams and I pray that God brings people into her life to guide her and walk through life with her. I ask that you pray for this young lady. First, that she would surrender her life to Jesus and become a new creation in Him. Secondly, that we would have

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more opportunities to love on her. Lastly, that God would bring brothers and sisters in Christ into her life to continue to love on her.

This young lady represents just one of the many kids we work with that share similar stories. Thank you for your love and support of our ministry. By all of us working together to touch the lives of these kids we truly are the hands and feet of Christ.

I want to thank each and every one of you that prays for this ministry and supports it financially. It means so much to us. With that in mind, I want to ask for your prayer, and if God leads, your help. Currently I am \$15,000 behind where I was last year at this time in support. I know that God provides, but it is important for me to make you aware. Again, please pray for this, and if you are able, please consider a special gift.

We love and miss all of you!



Student of the Year

Mike, Patty, & Family



P.S. On a personal note, Josh will be home this month after being in Okinawa, Japan for two years! To say that we are excited to see him would be an understatement!



Students completing the service project on the last day of school.