

MERRY
Christmas!



December 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! I cannot tell you how thankful I am for all of you and the impact that you have had on this ministry. You are helping to bring hope into so many lives. This year, because of you, we are reaching about 150 kids in our programs each week. It is amazing! Our kids are amazing! I want to share with you just a few of the many ways you made a difference in the lives of youth in our community and beyond.



A few weeks ago, Danielle got a phone call from one of her girls, AJ. AJ asked if she could take her to a homeless shelter. Danielle went to meet her, spent time with her and got her into a shelter. Since then she has had the opportunity to delve deeper into AJ's story, walk with her through some tough times and really love on her. What was really cool was AJ shared her story with us at our Comedy for a Cause event in November through video and then was introduced to those in attendance that night. It was a really special moment. Now AJ's story is far from over and there's a long way to go but God is moving in her life. **Thank you for helping make this a reality.**

During one of Mike's one on one times in the detention center, a young man named Darren, shared with him that he feels safer in lockup than he does at home. For most of us that is so hard to understand. I mean, isn't home supposed to be a safe place? Unfortunately, that is more common than you think with some of the kids we work with. What's really exciting though, is that so many of the kids in are hungry for God and the hope that He can bring. We have had so many opportunities to get God's Word into their hands. Even better, is that they are digging into the bibles that they are given and asking questions. God's Word does not come back void. **Thank you for playing a part in that.**

Cara was 17 and pregnant when Linda met her. She had moved to ND from a huge city with her boyfriend. He up and left her here, she was totally alone! No friends, no family, no one. She had so many walls built up around her from all the abuse she had been through and was difficult to reach. She had learned that everyone would leave her sooner or later so she would not allow herself to get close to anyone or count on anyone. It was not until Linda went through labor and delivery with her that she started to trust her. Linda



explained to her that people will let her down, we are human, but the Lord will never let her down. She is learning to trust the Lord with everything, that He will always be there for her, and never ever leave her. Cara still struggles in a lot of areas but she is making progress! And with the Lord beside her she will continue to move forward. **Thank you for helping make this possible.**

When I think about all of you who help make this ministry happen, I am overwhelmed. We are so blessed to have faithful partners like you who help us reach kids like AJ and Darren through your support and prayers. Who help make it possible for us to reach into the West Central Regional Juvenile Center and share Jesus with and bring hope to kids who are locked up. To have the freedom to share Christ with kids at Red River ALC. To walk with young ladies who find themselves pregnant. Every week we have the opportunity to see our mission, to radically love and bring hope to teens, come to fruition. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

As this year comes to an end, and as we get ready for the start of a new one, I ask you to consider making a special year-end gift to Red River Youth for Christ. With your help, RRYFC can finish off the year strong and begin 2019 in a position to further God's work by investing in the lives of teenagers in ways that help them experience God's love for them. For example, your gift of \$50 will help provide resources for some of our pregnant and parenting teens. \$100 will help provide a lunch for 50 hungry kids. Your generosity will provide safe places for students to ask their tough questions, get connected to God's story, and allow them to be radically loved. Your investment in their lives will pay off not only today but can pay dividends for eternity. You can mail your gift in the enclosed envelope or you can give online by going to www.redriveryfc.com and clicking on the "Give to YFC" link at the top of the page. If you would like to gift stock or give by another means, please contact us at 701-237-6682 and we would be happy to assist.

We are grateful for your dedication to sharing the true Gift of Christmas with this generation. As a partner in the ministries of RRYFC, you are a vital part of the success in every ministry reaching young people and their families. Our hope is that your Christmas season is a rich and meaningful celebration of the birth of our Savior.

On behalf of all of us here at Red River Youth for Christ and each student we work with...**Thank you for your generosity. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Greg Everett
Executive Director

P.S. We cannot wait to see how your financial gift will impact more young lives in the coming year!

