

# Youth for Christ Canada



2009 Annual Report



# A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

"Damaged goods, returns, reverse logistics"...we have all seen the lines after Christmas as "stuff" gets returned. The manufacturers tell us that this is a huge headache. Often it would be cheaper to just throw the damaged goods out. They are seldom worth recycling.

Canada is full of damaged young people...wounded and scarred at an early age... often through fetal drug and alcohol effects before they are even born. Often sexually abused and becoming dysfunctional at school due to these early traumas, they grow up to be young teen moms, gang members, or simply sad young adults disillusioned with life. And as a society enamoured with our progress and secular values, these young people are too often viewed as "seldom worth recycling."

At YFC, God has called us to love, value, and communicate His love to these dear people who are "made in His image." He reminds us that they are as valuable to Him as those who read this annual report! And that if you and I have been blessed with 'more,' it is only by His grace and therefore a call to stewardship.

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

During 2009 many of you gave time, talent and resources to this ministry...and God honoured your gifts by changing lives before our eyes. We saw kids doing their homework because they had help; teen moms caring for their own children because they had coaches; young leaders developing their dreams because they had support; youth involved in sports and fitness programs coached by adults who pray for them by name and each one hearing from a caring follower of Jesus about a God who deeply loves them.

As we look forward to 2010 and beyond, we believe that God is calling us to grow, to reach more kids, to double our impact here in Canada and around the world.

Thank you for journeying with us.

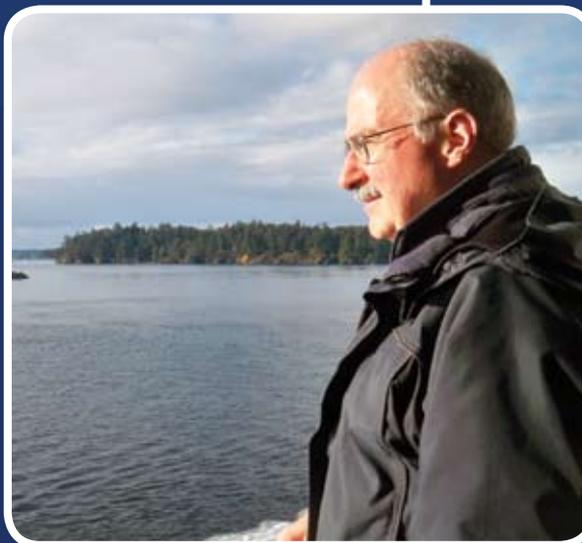
Because the gracious hand of our God is upon us,



Dave Brereton  
YFC National Director

*Those who go down to the sea in ships,  
who do business on great waters;  
they have seen the works of the LORD,  
and His wonders in the deep.*

*Psalm 107:23,24*



# OUR MISSION

We are missionaries to the young people of Canada. Almost 5,000 volunteers and 440 staff working together to build lasting and life-changing relationships with 8 to 18 year olds, most of whom would not be reached through local churches. Some are your average “kid next door”. Many are considered “at risk” as they are ones without a real loving home (even though they may still have a house to live in), teen moms, high-school dropouts, those experiencing poverty and some living on the streets. We firmly believe that God loves each one, that He is especially fond of these young people and that by serving their needs at a physical, emotional and spiritual level we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to them today!





## OUR CHAPTERS

ALTONA · BRANDON · BROCKVILLE · CALGARY  
COMOX VALLEY · EASTERN COUNTIES · EDMONTON  
HIGHLANDS · KAWARTHA · KINGSTON · LANDMARK · LONDON  
MONTREAL · MORDEN · MORRIS · NORTHUMBERLAND · PORTAGE  
PRINCE GEORGE · QUINTE · REGINA · SASKATOON  
SE SASKATCHEWAN · STEINBACH · SW ONTARIO · TORONTO  
VANCOUVER · VICTORIA · WESTLOCK · WILLIAMS LAKE  
WINNIPEG · WOLF CREEK



## WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Experience in a developing nation changes you. International missions have a fast-forward, pressure cooker, intensive sort of effect on your development as a person - physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. You come away from an international mission experience with a better understanding of who God has made you to be, and better able to respond to the experiences you face back at home.

Taking people to a place where they have no choice but to depend on God, rather than their own talents and abilities, has a profound impact. Staying in North America is fine and we should aggressively pursue ministry here at home. However youth who participate in our international mission projects, and in the 9 months of training before they go "in-field", are often inspired to pursue long-term ministry of their own at home.

### **YFC Canada World Outreach Goals:**

- To engage every YFC ministry centre in Canada in some form of regular partnership with YFC in another nation.
- To send young Canadian volunteers and interns into service around the world.
- To receive young international volunteers and interns from around the world.
- To encourage regular Project Serve Team missions from local YFC chapters in Canada.
- To offer YFC Canada's experience and expertise to other nations, in order to improve and enhance their ministries.

"One of the great things about being part of YFC is the level of partnership that exists, across not just the nation, but the entire world. This year we have felt a greater unity as the national work has become far more integrated with the grassroots ministry. Alongside this our partnerships with YFC in places like Rwanda have grown substantially, to the level where our friendships have become ones of true love and depth. It really is great to be part of such an inspirational family!"

Andy Harrington  
YFC Vancouver

## World Outreach Includes:

### Project Serve

We engage Canada's youth in compassionate ministry around the world. Teams of young people from a local area or from across the country train and then serve in another nation and culture for one to six weeks.

### International Volunteers and Interns

Young adults serve with Youth for Christ Canada as mission staff in another country. These internships can last from three months to a year.

### International Placement

Canadian Youth for Christ mission staff may serve overseas for an extended period of time. As of this writing we have three YFC Families serving in long-term placements.

## Some Chapter Partnerships

- **Edmonton YFC** has an active partnership with YFC in **Burundi, Africa**
- **Vancouver YFC** is actively involved with **YFC Rwanda**
- **Regina YFC** has a relatively new partnership with **YFC Peru**
- **Toronto Youth Unlimited/YFC** has a partnership with **YFC Uruguay**
- **Kawartha YFC/Youth Unlimited** has an ongoing partnership with **YFC Guatemala**
- **Northumberland YFC** has maintained a partnership with **YFC West Africa**, in particular **YFC Ghana** and a mission to **Liberia**
- **Montreal Youth Unlimited** is building relationships with **YFC Haiti**



**4,980**  
Volunteers

**442**  
Staff

**300**  
Youth Centers

**31**  
Chapters

National Office

**161,374 kids**

**3,461 begin faith journey**

**4,510 in follow-up**

**Canadian National Office  
Statement of Operations**

<b>For the Year Ended December 31,</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Contributions	\$	1,012,659	\$	849,106
Registrations, administration fees and other		118,229		114,095
Association dues		73,623		65,350
	\$	1,204,511	\$	1,028,551
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
International		744,532		637,027
Ministries training and development		250,732		205,444
National operations		213,013		194,167
Amortization of capital assets		2,250		2,771
	\$	1,210,527	\$	1,039,409
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>(6,016)</b>		<b>(10,858)</b>
Audited financial statements available upon request				

**2009 Canadian Operations Including all Chapters\***

	13 Years +	12 Years & Younger
Young people contacted by media/ministry	147,872	13,502
Young people given an opportunity to be a follower of Jesus	21,897	3,424
Young people who responded to the opportunity to become a Christian	2,783	678
Young people involved in follow-up/discipleship programs	4,115	395
Mission teams sent and received	53	
Participants involved	812	
Churches partnering with YFC in Canada	930	
Registered prayer intercessors praying for youth in Canada	4,916	
Income for all local YFC programs (includes staff support)	\$ 25,186,151	
Expenditure for all local YFC programs (includes staff support)	\$ 24,530,846	
Amount of surplus OR deficit between income and expenditures	\$ 655,305	

\* Figures are approximate

# WAKE UP DEBORAH

***Mothers on their knees, children on their feet.***

## **What is Wake Up Deborah?**

A network of mothers who believe that praying for their children makes a difference! Wake Up Deborah started in Brazil and has now spread around the world.

## **Vision**

We strongly desire to see Canada's youth transformed by Christ through the power of mothers in prayer.

## **Mission**

The mission of Wake Up Deborah is to promote the emergence of women's groups from all cultures that make up the Canadian mosaic, to pray for their children and to encourage each other.

To do this we will:

- Establish a network for intercession and support using the Internet;
- Develop local chapters and groups who gather for prayer;
- Organize events to build faith and motivate us to prayer.





# ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009...



"We moved our youth center from a great building to an amazing building that has cut our overhead by 90%. This move has created amazing community partnerships and has the proper facilities to reach and teach more youth with the Gospel of Christ!"

*Toronto*

"We have 46 young people in five small discipleship groups."

*Comox Valley*

"Launched an online radio ministry aimed at Asian Culture Youth."

*Toronto*

"Started a successful "Movie Marathon" program that has doubled our attendance at events and has brought in lots of local teens."

*Landmark*

"Successful summer camps in both Maxville and Alexandria."

*Eastern Counties*

"Saw our team reach kids in way more depth as we totally revamped our methodologies to include more missional church thinking and partnership between gospel and social justice."

*Vancouver*

"We have actively partnered with YFC Botswana Africa in a resource partnership and are sending a team there in July 2010. We will be training leaders and serving some of those in need in Botswana along with YFC Botswana!"

*SW Ontario*

**...FROM COAST TO COAST**

# OUR NATIONAL TEAM

Myrne Goulding, *Human Resource Director*

Geordon and Marilyn Rendle, *Latin America Director*

Shirley Loewen, *Office Manager*

Dennis Clark, *Financial Manager*

Patrick Boller, *IT Coordinator*

John Berard, *National Training Director*

Daryl Stogryn, *World Outreach Director*

Gary MacDonald, *Director of Partner Communication*

Brett Andrews, *Leadership Development and Resources*

Aimee Sifft, *Costa Rica Regional Development Assistant*

Dave Brereton, *National Director*

we see the *hope*

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Beacham, *Chairperson*

Silvia Brynjolfson, *"Wake Up Deborah" Initiative*

Ken Cochrane, *Western Board Rep.*

Tim Coles, *Eastern Region Staff Rep.*

Dwayne Dyck, *Central Region Staff Rep.*

Brian Girvan, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Andy Harrington, *Western Region Staff Rep.*

Vanessa Stewart, *Vice-Chairperson/Eastern Board Rep.*

Tim Vellacott, *Central Board Rep.*

and *potential* in every young person



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