



Dear Partners in Ministry,

Thousands of youth across Canada had the opportunity this past summer to attend camps run by Youth for Christ staff. Please pray for those who have understood God's great love for them and have begun a journey with Jesus as many are back in school facing one of the hardest times of their spiritual lives! These first few weeks and months are crucial as their faith is tested and the seed of God's Word that was planted in their hearts is struggling to take root!

Katy and I covet your prayers for the thousands of youth who heard about Jesus, but let's also be praying together for the staff who ministered to them, that they would be encouraged and filled with God's love and wisdom as they follow-up with the relationships which were developed this past summer.

Because Jesus loves every young person,
Dave and Katy Brereton

Sowing Seeds This Summer

YFC staff Stephanie worked at teen camps most of the summer. She relates that as some of the YFC staff opened up about their lives, it made the kids feel comfortable to open up about their lives. Here below are excerpts from the youth as, one day in small groups, they went around and finished the sentence: "If you really knew me, you would know that..."

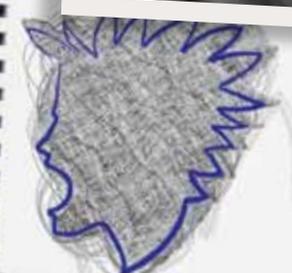
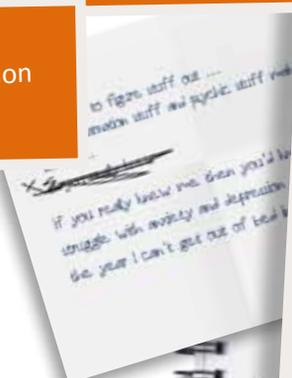
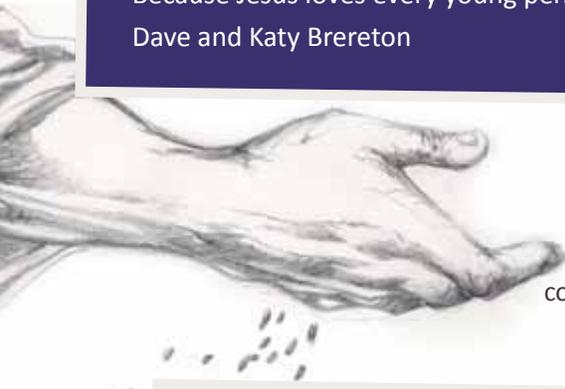
"... I was raped by my babysitter's friend when I was 8 and then again unknowingly this year when I was 18 ... and my mom left me on the street when I was a baby ... my dad's depressed and suicidal, and I live with my grandparents mostly." (18-yr-old girl)

"... I don't really have it together just because I make jokes and seem outgoing; I am actually not. I don't know who I am and I feel really insecure and plus I went through a lot with my family the last while." (18-yr-old boy)

"... I'm trying to figure stuff out ... this reincarnation stuff and psychic stuff makes sense ... if you really knew me then you'd know I struggle with anxiety and depression and that half the year I can't get out of bed in the morning." (17-yr-old girl)

Stephanie continues: "At the end of the week the speaker spoke from Mark 4, using the parable of the sower and the different types of soil the seed fell on and challenged the kids to be "good soil." That day out of the 20+ kids present, about 13 of them came to the front wanting to make an honest change in their life, to follow Christ and be good soil! Now we have a Facebook page for these kids to encourage each other and where we can encourage them. Some of them are going to church, and one is planning on getting baptized this month."

"A farmer went out to plant some seed ... some of the seed fell on a footpath ... other seed fell on shallow soil ... other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants ... other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"
(Mark 4:3-8)





YFC staff Sharon writes: "We had 60 students come to our first [drama] camp. It was incredible with rotating classes on acting skills. We had our main speaker share about the Lord each morning. When students registered they were to put in their goals for the camp on their registration form. In looking over 13-year-old Sunita's form, I found that under goals she hadn't written anything. I made a few suggestions like maybe she would want to learn to "project" her voice more or perhaps improve her stage presence. Nope, none of those fit. Each day we chatted a bit about it and on Day 3 she ran up to me and said that she had discovered what her goal would be for this week. She was so excited as she shared that her goal was to ask Jesus to be her God! So we sat down and prayed right there with everything all happening around us in a big buzz and she glowed about the experience all week ... and is now daily reading her new Bible!"

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A Legacy Story

Last Tuesday night Jim Dyck provided a meal and community Bible study for 64 local youth at a YFC Drop In Centre... Jim passed away 3 years ago. Because Jim included YFC Canada in his will, his impact continues today!

What will be your legacy?

By including YFC in your will, you ensure that a young person in Canada will have someone whom they trust to turn to for help. Can we count on you?

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