

Dear Partners in the Work,

Even though we hit the ground running after attending our three YFC mid-winter Regional Staff Retreats in Regina, London and Chilliwack, Katy and I have not forgotten the challenges we heard at these conferences. We were especially reminded through Phil Collins' message that ... the GOSPEL is the STRONGEST MESSAGE IN THE WORLD!! We felt a call to be more in His Word and to "declare His power to the next generation" (Psalm 71:18) and yet to remember that Christ says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). We need to be emptied so God can fill us with His Spirit and His power! As YFC workers, we felt the challenge to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus, to be in His Word, walking close to the cross. The end result will be that we will point people to Jesus, remembering that there is power in the gospel message! God's power which changes lives!

We have prayed that our governments will notice transformed lives as a result of what Youth for Christ is doing and give their support. We have seen this support in Regina where the city is not only funding YFC to build group homes but also asking YFC to staff them! And now, we share some exciting news from BC! The school liaison officer of the **Victoria Police Department has seen what a positive impact YFC staff are having in one of their schools**, so now this officer has written a letter to all school principals in her district, recommending them to have a Youth for Christ worker present in every school!!

By our next newsletter we should have the official numbers for 2014, but even now you can rejoice with us! Jesus is changing lives across the nation in 2015! And more of His people are being called to the ministry of sharing the gospel and being part of a great harvest! "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send out workers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2).

Thank you for your partnership,

Dave, National Director

Katy's Corner

YFC Portage la Prairie staff Deanna Stearns writes: "God has been teaching me about prayer which prepares the way for Him to move. In 2011, I had written the name "Brooklyn" in my journal. When I came on staff in 2012, Brooklyn came week after week to the YFC afterschool elementary program! Then in 2014, she moved up to High School and became part of my weekly Small Group. It has been amazing to watch the few years of prayer for this girl start unfolding for God's glory! Even though in the midst of a messy situation, I see that Brooklyn is starting to understand the perfect love of the Father and what it means to have a relationship with Jesus! I asked Brooklyn if she would consider letting Jesus be on the throne of her heart. She said she needed some time to think about it, but she is just so close - I KNOW it! I pray and wait, believing that the Spirit will move! Brooklyn's mess will be made into the beauty that Jesus created her for. I keep on praying that Brooklyn's name will not only be written on the pages of my journal, but engraved on the Father's hand!" This spring, please join Deanna in prayer for Brooklyn's salvation!



WORKING IN
MESSY CIRCUMSTANCES

Is Evangelism Going Out of Style?

by Barna Research Group

NOT EVANGELISM VS SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Most Evangelistic Generation: They've been called "the social justice generation" and for good reason. Millennials (early 1980s to the early 2000s) are actively taking up the cause of the poor, the oppressed, the orphan and the widow. Yet the most common critique leveled at this surge in social compassion is that it comes at a great expense. Sure, skeptics argue, they might feed the hungry and free the captives in this life, but what about the next? According to this view, Millennials are elevating physical needs over spiritual needs and forgoing evangelism altogether. The fact, though, is that Millennials are the only generation among whom evangelism is significantly on the rise. Their faith-sharing practices have escalated from 56% in 2010 to 65% in 2013.

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SEEING IMPACT

Couple Puts YFC in Will

They just came back from the lawyers after updating their will and contacted us at YFC. "Why?" I asked. Their reply was simple. *"We have seen the impact of hundreds of young lives changed by the gospel through YFC in the past 30 years. We trust the leadership, love their vision and the impact is clear. Our legacy is to see that impact continue long after we are gone and our gift will hit the ground running."*

16 and Pregnant

My journey with Kingston Youth for Christ began with my involvement with the "Teen Moms Mentoring Program" when I had just turned 16. I was pregnant with my first child. I was mentored and supported but continually made poor choices over the next few years. I went my own way. I had two more children; one died shortly after birth and I was heavily into drugs but as God would have it, I reconnected with YFC on and off for 18 months.

Seven months ago all the prayers and love of the YFC staff and volunteers led me to a place of repentance and a desire to serve Jesus with my whole heart. I will never forget that conversation with two YFC staff around the table in the prayer room at YFC.

The influence of loving godly women, and the real presence of Jesus during that whole time changed my heart in ways I never thought possible. God is always working! His miracles are always happening. I am living proof!

And sometimes I catch myself in awe of His mighty working power as I sit in church together with my little family praising our faithful and loving Saviour.

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