

“ It is so easy to forget about Jesus when we have a reputation to keep up. ”

— 15-year-old Amy

“ I have put my trust in God, but wow, it’s a bumpy journey right now! I’m really happy I have a great support system. ”

— 16-year-old Shane



Shane Mayer-Senecal

Shane is 16 and attends Howard S. Billings High School in Chateaugay, Quebec. He and his 3 younger siblings have been living with their grandparents for the past 4 years because their own home was not a safe environment.

“It seems to me like one of the biggest struggles today is that kids pick on and bully each other to make themselves feel important. It’s harder to stay on track with my faith when I’m being picked on all the time ‘cuz I have a tendency to retaliate because of what I have gone through in my past. My prayer is that all kids would be able to grow up in a strong Christian family.”



Amy Giese

Amy is a 15-year-old Grade 10 student at Kelly Road Secondary School in Prince George, British Columbia.

“Being in high school, the greatest struggle by far is fitting in. Peer pressure is a huge factor in every social situation, whether it’s wearing the newest trends, smoking/doing drugs, or just ignoring the kids in need because it’s not cool to talk to them. We are afraid of what our friends will think. Sometimes doing the right Christian thing will make us look like an absolute loser in our ‘cool’ friends’ eyes. I would love God to give our generation the courage and strength we need to step out of the social norms and do what is right; to have lunch with the lonely, talk to the nerds, or just smile at random passersby on the street, because by doing this we are being a Godly influence to others and showing His love wherever we go.”

YOU can be an Answer to Shane and Amy’s Prayers!

Please pray for them, your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews who need to know and experience God’s love and forgiveness. A gift in your WILL would allow our staff to continue to reach out and support these teens.

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3 Troublesome Trends in Youth Culture

Paul Robertson serves as a Youth Culture Specialist for YFC/YU in Canada. The fall 2014 issue of “Understanding Today’s Youth” addresses the topic of “Troublesome Trends in Youth Culture.”

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Dear Partner in the Work,

Katy and I have just returned from the YFC International General Assembly, a week-long conference held near Bangkok, Thailand. It was a truly awesome time with our brothers and sisters from Lebanon, The Gambia, Rwanda, Columbia, Germany, nearly 50 Canadians and too many others to mention (some which we can't mention for security reasons). We worshiped the Lord together and heard stories of God's faithfulness and were challenged about our own prayer life and going deeper into God's Word. Ravi Zacharias, the main speaker, confessed that "fatigue and time-zone changes make my prayer life suffer." In workshops on prayer, we were challenged to KNOW God, our Father, in the same way that Jesus knew the Father and also reminded that even 15 minutes of prayer makes an impact in the lives of our own children or the lives of the teens we work with as we lift their names up to our heavenly Father.

**Please continue to pray for teenagers who have "turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven."
1 Thessalonians 1:9-10**

After the conference, Katy and I spent 3 days in Chiang Mai and had the opportunity to visit a very large Buddhist temple. The gold was dazzling, but it was very sad to see among the many worshipers, a father teaching his little son how to bow down to an idol which can never know him personally or hear his prayers.

Now back in Montreal, we are diving into the fall schedule of Chapter visits, meeting in Victoria with the Executive Directors of our Chapters (see Tim Coles' article), and visiting some of you... our partners in the work. Please pray for health, energy, a sense of God's presence with us, and wisdom in each situation.

Dave

News on YFC Chapters across Canada

by Tim Coles

As the summer gives birth to the fall, our YFC Chapters give birth to a new ministry year. For some, they are starting with new Executive Directors! Please welcome Steve Swan in Prince George, BC, where he started a few years ago as a board member and volunteer, and Mark Koop in Vancouver, who started over 20 years ago in YFC ministry at The Edge Skate Park in Winnipeg.

There have been some new and old things happening across the country ... "Rallies"! Vancouver and Quebec have been holding YFC "rallies" and getting nearly 2000 youth in attendance! In Vancouver these monthly "rallies" are called Chapels, whereas in Quebec they are called Unified. This is clearly a move of God as neither of the leaders of these "rallies" had talked to each other until they met at our National Ministry Conference in Regina last June. Now there is talk of replicating these events across the country.

Our Executive Directors will meet in Victoria mid-October to learn of new resources provided by the National Office as well as participate in key facilitated strategic planning. We need to wrestle through what the years ahead could look like if the Lord continues to bless and grow this national ministry. This growth includes our newest chapter located in Timmins, Ontario and three other start-ups in Ontario. In November, I will be heading to Moncton to meet with folks interested in starting YFC ministry in Atlantic Canada. We would deeply appreciate your prayers as we seek to hear the Lord's leading as we reach out to more and more youth for Christ across Canada.



Katy's Corner:

*YFC staff Laura writes: "In 2013, Tara got a taste of summer teen camps offered through Youth Unlimited Montreal. This year (2014) she attended everything she could possibly attend! We went to the Cosmodome and discussed the stars and creation and went back to camp and discussed how God created all this beauty and how He created us. We discussed how much He loves us and wants to know us. During a quiet moment when Tara and I were alone, she said a bit forcefully, 'Laura, I realise after this summer, there HAS to be a God. How could something that is so complicated and beautiful, come out of nothing, without a Creator - the stars, the earth, us even?' She told me she has started reading the Bible I'd given her and is half way through the book of Matthew. Tara now comes to me to ask questions about what she has read." **Praise the Lord! As Tara and many other teens face the pressures of the school year, please pray that they will remember the God whom they encountered this past summer through YFC camps all across Canada.***

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