



International staff at Summer Institute

### Dear Friends and Partners in the ministry of YFC in Canada,

It's a wrap on another school year. Some 400,000 young people in Canada have just graduated from high school - or given up and left school behind. All the Christians in Canada, working together in churches, YFC programs and hundreds of other local, regional and national programs, reached less than 20% of these kids during their school days. However we did reach 15% to 20% with the life-changing message of a God who really loves and values them, and of salvation found only in Jesus Christ. Through the ministry of YFC, almost 3,000 kids each year start a lifetime journey of following Jesus.

This school year Katy and I saw and hopefully encouraged many of our 500+ staff. In late May at Summer Institute, YFC staff training, it was our privilege not only to meet many new Canadian staff, but also a few of our fellow YFC staff from other parts of the world! We also met some of the youth this past year whose lives have been radically changed by YFC staff; Amber and Tyler's stories can be found at [www.yfccanada.org](http://www.yfccanada.org). Many of these kids were held in the devil's grip but I was reminded in my Scripture reading this morning from Mark chapter 3 that Jesus is "stronger than the strong man." I am seeing Him change these lives!

And by the grace of God the ministry is growing! So as we head into camp season, we are confident that God will be working in many hearts. Please pray for safety, wisdom, and a Spirit-led communicating of God's love this summer.

Katy and I plan to be at our National Ministry Conference June 23-27 in lovely British Columbia. We so appreciate Young Life making their camp facility in RockRidge Canyon available to us this year.

Because Jesus loves me,

Dave Brereton

### Katy's Reflections

Amazing programs are starting all over Canada for those in the upper elementary grades and much prayer is needed for those who continue a relationship with these kids over the summer through drop-in and summer camps etc. The best way to share the excitement is to share an email I received a few weeks ago from a YFC staff:

*"I run an art program called Re:Create. It's a new program - something I created this year. I have 19 kids in it, only one being from a Christian home. The program itself is about re-creating items into new things - transformation. However each week we have also been talking about stories of Jesus transforming people, and last week we talked about how our sin separates us from God. Today I told them all about Jesus dying on the cross and how that gets us across the "bridge" to God's side. I used a piece of wood across two tables to illustrate it and all the kids took a turn and walked across the "bridge." And the awesome thing - 2 boys decided to give their lives to Jesus today! Praise God :)*

*I am so very excited about this, and just amazed at it, and honoured that God has placed me here to work with elementary school kids! He's also provided me with a team of people who have been praying for these kids, and who are willing and ready to invest in them further. One of my volunteers will be taking these two boys to Sunday School with her."*

*(Melissa from Ontario, May 2012)*



Symbolically Walking the Bridge to Jesus

## 19-year-old Laura Serving as International YFC Volunteer in Colombia

*"I honestly cannot believe that it has been a month since I first stepped out of the El Dorado airport in Bogota. I'm teaching English to a variety of adults and teens. Every day I think of how God took control of my life and has led me to this place. He continues to bless me every single day. I thank all of you for being part of this experience with me. This month, I have been learning to run completely to God. I have never really been a person that has been open about their emotions, struggles, sins, etc. but being alone, without a partner or a group for a mission's trip, has taught me that I need God in every moment. It has been a little lonely at times but God has always been there to remind me what my purpose is for being here."*



Laura as International YFC Volunteer in Colombia

**"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."  
Psalm 28:7**

### Your Legacy Impacting the World

By including YFC in your will, you ensure that a young person in Canada or internationally will have someone whom they trust to turn to for help. Will you help? For more information on your options for leaving a legacy through YFC, please contact Gary MacDonald at **1.888.649.2011 Ext 7** or by email at **legacy@yfcanada.org** or visit **www.yfcanada.org**.

### Help a Teen Today

We need your support so we can continue impacting youth for Christ. We appreciate your partnership in this ministry. To make a secure online donation, you can visit **www.yfcanada.org** and click 'Donate' or visit **www.canadahelps.org** and search for "Youth for Christ Canada." Cheques can be made payable to: "Youth for Christ Canada" and mailed to: Youth for Christ Canada, PO Box 93008, #135 - 19705 Fraser Hwy., Langley BC V3A 8H2. To make a donation by phone, please call us toll free at **1.888.649.2011**.

### Thank You!

We don't say it enough but we covet your support and prayers for the 500+ staff in Canada and 46,000 staff and volunteers internationally. Without you, we could not be on the front lines, dedicating our lives to serving God by touching the lives of today's youth. We have set aside the first Monday of each month to commit ourselves to prayer and fasting for the youth we serve. **Would you join us?**



### Feedback

We welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. **gary.macdonald@yfcanada.org / 1.888.649.2011 Ext 7**

we see the *hope* and *potential* in every young person