



December 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! I can not tell you how thankful I am for all of you and the impact that you have had on this ministry. You are helping to bring hope into so many lives. This year, because of you, we are reaching about 150 kids in our programs each week. It is amazing! Our kids are amazing! I want to share with you just a few of the many ways you made a difference in the lives of youth in our community and beyond.

Precious was 16 when she got pregnant. Her parents were angry and told her she was bringing shame to the family. She was allowed to go the school but nowhere else. Precious became more and more depressed. She was referred to our Parent Life program when she was 6 months pregnant. Though Precious was Muslim, we had the opportunity to share the hope of Christ with her and walk with her through her final months of pregnancy. Precious gave birth to a beautiful baby and graduated from high school early. She has not made a decision to follow Jesus yet but she continues to ask questions. **Thank you for helping make this opportunity happen.**

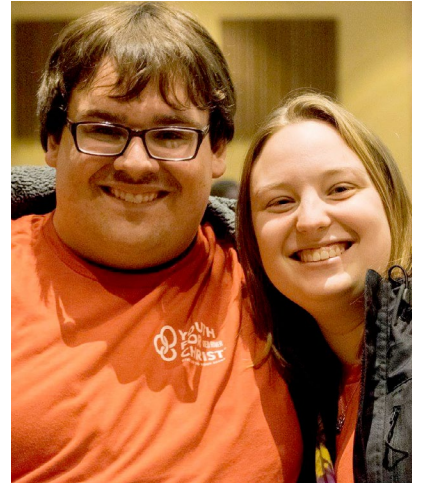


During this past school year, your support fed 50-60 students every Wednesday at Woodrow Wilson High School. For many of these kids it was their only meal for the day. It provided a Graduation Celebration for 60 students and their friends and family. On December 13th it will provide a full Christmas dinner for the students and staff. For some, it was the only celebration they would have for their graduation and for a few it will be the only Christmas dinner they are going to experience. **Thank you for playing a part in that.**

Darren is a young man who has had a rough life. He lost his mother to addiction and his father does not show much concern for him or what he does with his life. Darren struggles with depression and anxiety about his future. We have had the opportunity to bring some hope into his life and show him there are people who DO care about him; to be a safe place for him to share his story. I get to meet with him every other week and share life together and how Jesus can make a real difference in his life. **Thank you for helping make this possible.**

When I think about all of you who help make this ministry happen, I am overwhelmed. We are so blessed to have faithful partners like you who help us reach kids like Precious and Darren through your support and prayers. Who help make it possible for us to reach into the West Central Regional Juvenile Center and share Jesus with and bring hope to kids who are locked up. To have the freedom to share Christ with kids at Red River ALC. Every week we have the opportunity to see our mission, to radically love and bring hope to teens, come to fruition. **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**

As this year comes to an end, and as we get ready for the start of a new one, I ask you to consider making a special year-end gift to Red River Youth for Christ. This fall has been difficult due to the loss of our last two weeks of peaches and the income that would have brought. It has caused us to make some adjustments to the ministry and hang on to God even harder for His provision. But, with your help, RRYFC can finish off the year strong and begin 2018 in a position to further God's work by investing in the lives of teenagers in ways that help them experience God's love for them. For example, your gift of \$25 will help provide resources for some of our pregnant and parenting teens. \$100 will help provide a lunch for 50 hungry kids. Your generosity will provide safe places for students to ask their tough questions, get connected to God's story, and allow them to be radically loved. Your investment in their lives will pay off not only today but can pay dividends for eternity. You can mail your gift in the enclosed envelope or you can give online by going to www.redriveryfc.com and clicking on the "Give to YFC" link at the top of the page. If you would like to gift stock or give by another means, please contact us at 701-237-6682 and we would be happy to assist.



We are grateful for your dedication to sharing the true Gift of Christmas with this generation. As a partner in the ministries of RRYFC, you are a vital part of the success in every ministry reaching young people and their families. Our hope is that your Christmas season is a rich and meaningful celebration of the birth of our Savior.

On behalf of all of us here at Red River Youth for Christ and each student we work with...**Thank you for your generosity. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Greg Everett
Executive Director

P.S. Precious's story of choosing life for her daughter and Darren's story of overcoming anxiety and depression are only two of the many stories we have to share from our ministry to Fargo-Moorhead's teens. We can not wait to see how your financial gift will impact more young lives in the coming year!

