



December 4, 2019

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! I am so thankful for all of you and the impact that you have had on this ministry. You are helping to bring hope into so many dark places. This is an amazing time of year, but in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season, let's not forget what Christmas is really all about...Jesus coming to earth so that lives like yours, mine, and the many kids we work with could be changed.

Kids like Jenna. Can you imagine for a moment the pain you would have to be in to swallow a battery? How about a pencil? Jenna has swallowed both. The pain, anxiety and chaos has been so great at times that she felt this was better than what she was going through. How do you walk with someone through that? Jenna has been in the system half her life. She doesn't know what it is to live in a real family environment. The system has all but given up on her because she is close to 18, but because of your investment, YFC staff have been walking through life with her, pouring into her and connecting her to God's story. She is such a sweet girl! Despite all the hurt and pain it was amazing to watch her sing along with worship music at the Peach truck this summer and get lost in the words. Since summer, Jenna has been in four different facilities. Her only stability has been the staff here at YFC that are fighting for her, advocating for her, going to see her, buying her the clothes that she needs, reading the Bible to her and telling her how much Jesus loves her. **Thank you for making this possible through your support and prayers.**

I was talking with one of our principles this past week and he told me that the Wednesday we are in Woodrow, feeding and connecting with kids, is their highest attended day of the week. Staff at Red River Alternative Learning Center have told us the same thing. The Fridays that we take kids to Bethel Church for programming during the school day is their highest attended day of the week. Isn't that neat!

Your support of YFC and makes that possible.

We have had the amazing opportunity to give away over 150 Bibles to kids this past year and kids are reading them, marking them up and coming with their comments and questions. They are hungry to learn and get to know what's in God's word. Every Monday night, two of our amazing volunteers go into the detention center and run a bible study with the girls. They love these girls and have gotten more excited about them the more they are in there. **Your support is getting God's word, the living and powerful Word of God, into the hands of kids who need Jesus.**



When I think about all of you who help make the many aspects of this ministry happen, I am overwhelmed. We are so blessed to have faithful partners like you who help us reach

kids like Jenna through your support and prayers. Who make it possible to bring hot meals to kids who need them. Who make it possible to go into the detention center every week and walk alongside kids whose only hope is Jesus. And who help us get God's word into the hands of kids who are desperate for it. **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. With your help, RRYFC can finish off the year strong and begin 2020 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. One of those ways is to help us seed a Parent Life position. After 20+ years in ministry, Linda has moved west to be with family. As missionaries, staff raise support to be able to minister to the kids we work with. Seeding this position will allow us to fill it more quickly. Your gift of \$100 will cover getting God's Word in the hands of 12 kids or feed them lunch on a Wednesday or Friday. Your gifts will help enable staff to walk alongside kids like Jenna, Aries and so many others. Your generosity will provide safe places for students to ask their tough questions, get connected to God's story and it will 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.

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. We cannot wait to be able to share with you how your financial gift impacts the lives of our amazing kids in the new year!

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