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# STORIES

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."*

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

Looking around at the chaos we see in the news, the political division, hatred, violence, COVID, and unrest, it's hard not to be overcome by the darkness and feel hopeless if you dwell on it too long. But you know, it's in the midst of the darkness that God's light shines brightest and has God's light ever been shining bright!

Ministry this summer has been extraordinarily active. While many detention facilities have been closed to outside groups and ministries, the West Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center has been wide open to us since mid-June. Bible studies, church services, one on ones. It has been amazing to see

how God has flung the doors open, and the ministry continues to grow. One of the most exciting things has been the number of kids who have made contact with us as they leave or have left the facility. Aftercare is something that we have prayed for and is so necessary for these kids' success as they get out, but we have been hindered by the fact that they have to make contact with us. We are currently not allowed to have their contact information as they leave, so kids making contact is a huge answer to prayer.

As we enter into the fall, our ministry at the Red River Alternative Learning Center and Woodrow Wilson High School has changed. With COVID restrictions, outside groups are very limited in what they can do, but we continue to look for new and creative ways to connect and let students and staff know we haven't forgotten about them and that God loves them.

Our fruit sales this summer were a great success, and we just want to thank everyone who prayed for us

and who came by and purchased fruit. This sale makes up a large part of our budget, and with giving down this year due to all things COVID, we are so thankful. Please continue to pray that God would look after this ministry financially. It's your generosity that allows this ministry to thrive, and God is indeed using it. Please consider supporting this work and making an eternal difference in the life of a teen.

Thank you for standing with us in ministry, both prayerfully and financially. Your partnership makes this ministry to at-risk teens possible! If there is any way we can pray for or support you during this time, let us know. We would love to do so!

We love you all!

Greg Everett  
Executive Director



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## We're Back

We have had a great summer and have been able to spend a lot of time with kids. Since mid-June we have been able to resume face-to-face ministry in the detention center. We are once again doing church on Wednesday evenings, have two bible studies going, are spending a lot of time one-on-one with kids, taking kids to church, and connecting with them once they leave the facility. God has blessed us with so many opportunities to be with kids. ~Mike King

## Practical Needs

Working in youth ministry, here are some practical things we frequently use. Are you able to help supply these items?

- Boxes of individually packaged chips
- Cases of bottled water
- Cases of juice boxes or sports drink
- Fruit snacks or fruit rollups
- Any kind of pre-packed, or individually packaged snacks

## Growing by Leaps & Bounds

One young lady who has been in the juvenile center for a year has had some ups and downs. She has done an amazing job keeping it together through it all. It is hard to imagine not seeing the sun or breathing fresh air for over 7 months. She has been growing in her faith and I have talked to the secure supervisor about the possibility of taking her to church on Sundays. The supervisor loved the idea and said that we would have to get the permission of the judge. I then talked to this young lady about the idea and she was beyond excited. We told her she would have to write a letter to the judge and explain to them who we are, what we do, and the idea of Patty and I taking her out to church on Sundays and spending time with her. Patty and I have done it before with many kids, so we have a positive track record with the facility and this type of outing. All of the center staff were excited about this opportunity too. Just over three weeks ago, we got a very excited call from her that the Judge granted us permission to take her to church. We have taken her to church these last three Sundays and words cannot explain how excited she is to be out, at church, and with us. This was truly an answer to prayer. She is continuing to grow in her love for Christ by leaps and bounds. She is one of the young people I meet with weekly one-on-one. We are currently studying through the book of John. Please pray for this young lady and her upcoming court date at the end of this month. ~Mike King



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## Peaches

Thank you to everyone who bought our peaches and all of our wonderful partners Magnum, Scheels Home & Hardware, Bell Bank, Black Bear Orchards, and Genuine Georgia. Also, Special thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and to all of our amazing volunteers. Thank you for helping make this fundraiser possible!



Blue Cross Blue Shield Volunteers at the peach fundraiser. They really are smiling.



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## Spreading Her Wings

As I continue to work with the youth at the Juvenile Center in Moorhead, I have made some close connections with some of the kids. They have written to us or reached out to us in some way after they have been released from the center and moved on to either a treatment facility, foster home, or to their own homes. One young lady came to all our bible studies and church nights and was very attentive and gave a lot of thought to the topics we discussed. She was also studying for her GED certificate. She was SO PROUD when she told us she had passed the GED exam. She immediately started looking for schools in the Mankato area as she plans to become a nurse like her grandmother. She will be living with her grandmother in Mankato, and I would ask for prayers for both the young lady in her studies and for her grandmother's health, which may become an issue. ~Kim Danielson

## At the Park




Recently, I was at the park with a couple of youth visiting and playing cards. Randomly, two college kids walked up and asked if they could pray for us. There was a moment of silence and awkward pause. After looking at each of them I could sense their fear and apprehension. I simply thanked the young men for their inquiry, and they went on their way. The simple obedience of these two young men opened a door for me ask questions and to further have more meaningful faith-based conversation. I felt bad not allowing them to pray for us, and that they will never know how valuable their question was. At the same time, I thank God that their random request that easily lead to deeper more meaningful conversation. ~Danielle Hill

## Our Mission

YFC radically loves and brings hope to teens by working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

YFC provides a safe and friendly place to learn leadership skills, to think about important issues and to develop quality relationships with peers and with caring adults.

## YFC's 5 Ministry Essentials:

-  WIDESPREAD PRAYER
-  FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING
-  LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
-  ADULTS WHO EMPOWER
-  COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

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