

Dear Saints in the Lord,

Ok! So, I made it out here! After two days of driving my faithful steed, my truck, we finally arrived, along with the first load of our stuff. I am so thankful to all of you for your prayers and support in helping us get out here and settled down! Tim and his wife Michelle have kindly taken me in and provided a wonderful place to stay for now. I started Youth for Christ on the 31st of March. Since then, God has been working in my life here in Fargo in significant ways. Part of my job involves working with the teens at the Moorehead Alternative Learning Center. It is a school for teens who are struggling in the regular school system and may have different learning styles or behavioral challenges that require a different approach. I am building relationships with them so that I can speak truth into their lives and help them navigate school. For many youth out here, the temptation to drop out of school is strong. I aim to come alongside them and provide encouragement and support to help them see things differently.



On Thursday mornings, we bus kids from the Moorehead Alternative Learning Center to Bethel Church, a church we partner with, where they hear a gospel-centered message. We get to play games with them in the gym and invest time in them. A week ago, I shared a message titled "Why did Jesus have to Die?" It was awesome to see that they were all focused on what I had to say. I have been speaking with one youth, and she has been a joy to get to know. Please pray for her and for more gospel conversations. I desperately want to see her come to know Jesus. It seems like we always discuss music in one way or another



A snowy view from the air during February's visit to North Dakota.

when we meet! It's funny; we have similar tastes! She is a very sweet girl but faces many struggles that I know Jesus can help her through.

The other place I work is the Juvenile Center, where I teach Bible studies and counsel youth. These youth are there because they have committed crimes or are waiting for foster care while case workers sort through court affairs, trials, and rulings. Since I have been there, we have led two young men to the Lord, one of whom was named James*. I was teaching a Bible study on whether God still speaks today, and he asked question after question. At the end of the study, he asked me how to get close to God. Being who I am, I turned it into a gospel conversation and said the only real way to get close to God is to deal with your sin. This led to questions like, What is sin? How does God

Note: Names of kid's are typically changed for privacy purposes.

deal with it? What did Jesus do? And what is repentance and faith? He chose that night to surrender his life to the Lord. I have met with him weekly ever since, and he is doing well!

Please continue praying for the youth God is reaching through me. In fact, that is one way you can partner with me in my ministry with Youth for Christ. Pray against the work of the enemy trying to hinder us. Pray for Deborah and me as we are apart and as we move her out here in May. Pray for God to open doors for employment for her here. Pray for safety and God's hand to be upon us as we travel!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has generously given towards my ministry here at Youth for Christ. Currently, I have \$125 per Month committed to my \$2,000 per month goal. I have also had \$3,940 given in other gifts. I am so thankful. It truly is overwhelming! Please consider joining me as a Monthly partner as God leads you. Donations can be made online at <https://redriveryouthforchrist.givingfuel.com/giving>, by selecting the option "BT" in the drop-down menu, or through the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for all your prayers and support! We love you all!

In His Grip,

Benjamin A. Talley



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