

Hi Friends,

It's catch-up time. I wanted to pause and share some stories - both from the YFC ministry and my own life - because your prayers, encouragement, and financial support are the reason I get to be here. We are in this together, and I'm so very grateful!

Chad & I will always remember summer 2025 by peaches. We've never eaten so many peaches. The YFC team sold over 8,500 lugs of delicious peaches. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to the YFC fruit truck, volunteered, shared the info with friends, or prayed! Nobody told me I would be out there dancing in a peach costume trying to sell peaches. Ha-ha Good times! Chad & I also enjoyed

tent camping, weekend trips to nearby lakes, and evening walks at local parks. This month, we explored several mountain biking trails along the river. Racing up & down dirt hills and weaving through trees in the forest has us feeling like kids again. Chad also got to fulfill a lifelong goal that started as a boy wearing a karate costume and watching Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. After many years of classes and diligent practice, he earned his black belt in Okinawan karate. It was extra special because Katie flew home & was here too.

My Parent Life Ministry had some fun milestones. A new baby boy was born. One of the babies from last year is now walking. And another had cleft pallet surgery. Special events like the Lauren Daigle concert at the fair, a trip to the zoo, and the Off the Charts Christian music festival helped Chad

& I get to know their families a lot better. Now at Dakota High School, I'm getting to know a couple of pregnant moms and another who has a 2-month-old boy. Please keep praying for these mamas while they juggle schoolwork, parenting, and a job on little sleep. It's a lot.

Although the ministries at the alternative high schools paused for the summer, they are back in full swing now. Monday & Wednesday mornings, I'm at Dakota HS getting to know the students & providing extra support. Thursday mornings, we do a church youth group with MHD-ALC kids.

The YFC Detention Center Ministry continues non-stop all year, and right now is extra busy with mentoring and discipleship. Please pray



YFC staff & volunteers ready to move some peaches.



Lauren Daigle concert with young moms

for wisdom, peace, and patience for the whole YFC team as we build relationships with these at-risk teens. Encouraging, empowering, and equipping teens to be resilient despite trauma and teaching them how to break generational cycles of poverty, depression, and abuse can be very challenging some days. Take Lucy* & Lily* for example. I met them in one of the weekly YFC bible studies several months ago. There is just something so precious about kids who drop everything to gather around a table to read the Bible, pray for each other, and connect. Both girls asked for individual visits. In fact, 5 of the 9 girls in that one Bible study have asked to meet individually every week. We are not counselors or pastors, so that individual time is a lot of listening to their life story, encouraging, practicing coping skills, writing gratitude lists, setting goals & celebrating progress. Passing on life skills someone once taught us. The transformation we see in a few short months with these teens is so inspiring that it draws us back all week long. Some days, my heart breaks for these girls. In their short lives, both Lucy* & Lily* have lost a sibling & a parent, ended abusive relationships, completed treatment, taken accountability for the poor decision that landed them in the detention center, and are healing from PTSD due to their many traumas. They are kids who didn't choose their parents or home lives or losses. Yet, my heart leaps for joy as I see their hearts, minds, words, and actions completely transformed by God. From fights to growing patience and empathy. From hate, to love & forgiveness. From barely functioning to thriving. These two have many questions about the loss of their loved ones, heaven, and why some Christians have so much hope about life after death. Last week, I offered to start a second Bible study with them on the topic of Heaven & their excitement blew me away! So please pray for us as we face their grief straight on and dig into the Bible on the topics of hope and Heaven. This is a window into my week and the lives you are impacting. Your prayers are powerful, friends! A lot has happened in six months. We prayed for eager teens, and wow, they are!



Please partner with me in these ministries. You can be a part of this work first and foremost by praying for us. Please pray we produce fruit and continue to abide in the Vine. When we abide, God provides! You could also partner with us by giving whatever the Lord leads. This can be a one-time gift, or if the Lord puts it on your heart, I ask that you consider committing to a monthly, quarterly, or yearly donation. Donations can be made online at <https://redriveryouthforchrist.givingfuel.com/giving> by choosing "ND" in "the fund" drop-down menu or through the enclosed envelope. Currently, I have \$420/month committed to my \$2,000/month goal. \$5,635 has also been given in other gifts. I am so thankful!! We love each and every one of you. You are all the bricks that hold this ministry together. Let the Lord use you!



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With love and gratitude,

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