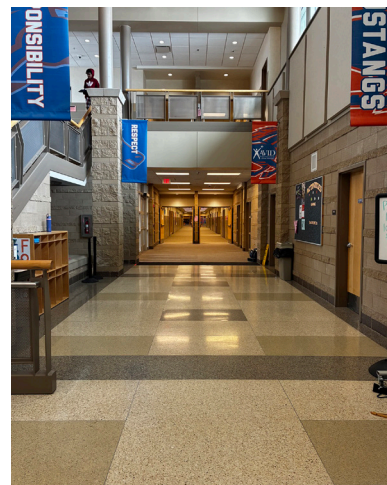


**Hey everyone,**

It's time to share what's been happening since my last newsletter around Christmas and let's just say, God has been doing some exciting things! But before I jump in, I want to say thank you. Thank you to those who have been praying for me, our staff at Red River YFC, and the students I've been building relationships with. Your prayers truly matter. And to those who support me financially thank you. It genuinely makes a difference. We are a team in this ministry, and your partnership, in whatever form it comes, plays a vital role. I'm so grateful to serve alongside you.

**Life in the School: A Daily Mission Field**

The hallways of the middle school continue to be a vibrant and often loud mission field. Returning from Christmas break always brings a surge of raw energy, and I've felt called to be a steady, calming presence in the midst of that "organized chaos." Whether I'm helping de-escalate a conflict in the commons at lunch or simply untangling a student's headphones or even playing Uno with the students those everyday moments are where seeds of trust are planted. I've also been intentional about building relationships with school staff, recognizing that supporting educators is just as vital as supporting students. By building those bridges, YFC becomes more than a program in the building it becomes a consistent, reliable heartbeat of Christ-like love within the school community.



*Liberty Middle School*

**Check & Connect: Running the Race**

In my Check & Connect mentoring sessions, ministry sometimes looks like literally "running the race." I've spent mornings and afternoons walking and occasionally sprinting the halls with these two students I met with who need to burn off restless energy. Those active moments have led to deep conversations about loneliness, healthy masculinity, family and what it means to live with respect or even talking about sports or history. It's a powerful reminder that progress isn't always a sit-down meeting. Sometimes it's simply showing a teenager you're willing to keep up with them, no matter how fast they're moving. Watching him transition from high-energy outbursts to focusing on math homework with me beside him is a beautiful picture of how steady, positive moments lead to long-term transformation.

**Thursday & Monday Morning Bible Studies**

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study has become a true sanctuary. Recently, I walked into our small conference room at 7:50 a.m. and found students already sitting and reading their Bibles before I even arrived. I was honestly moved to tears. We've been diving into the life of David and reflecting on 1 Samuel 16:7: "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Watching middle schoolers make heart shapes with their hands and whisper, "God knows my heart," reminds me how deeply they want to be seen and known. We've been averaging 2-4 students each Thursday, and while the group is small, the conversations have been genuine and meaningful. To build on that momentum, I launched a Monday morning Bible Study in the same space. Thursdays remain our deeper study time, while Mondays are a high-energy hangout filled with games, snacks, and an open invitation for new students. It's meant to be an easy on-ramp for students who are curious about faith or unable to attend on Thursdays due to other activities. Mondays are still new, but I'm excited about the potential for growth and deeper connection.



*Co-worker Ben & I Exploring Orlando*

**National Leadership Conference - Orlando**

At the end of January, my staff and I attended the YFC National Leadership Conference in Orlando. It was a refreshing and meaningful

time together. We shared a lot of laughs, strengthened our connections as a team, and simply enjoyed being together. The conference also challenged us to think more proactively and strategically about ministry. The idea for adding the Monday Bible study came directly from that time. Another key takeaway was developing more intentional volunteer training, so everyone clearly understands their role and our ministry procedures. I genuinely enjoy building systems and organizing training materials which I have done in the past, so I'm excited to strengthen our volunteer team in this way.

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### Giving Hearts Day

On February 12th, we participated in Giving Hearts Day, one of the largest fundraising days of the year for nonprofits in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Every gift of \$10 or more up to \$26,300 was matched, multiplying the impact of each donation. In addition to fundraising, our team prepared and delivered meals to schools, community partners, and local businesses as a way of expressing appreciation and strengthening relationships. I was unfortunately out sick with the flu that week and couldn't be there that day, but I helped in the weeks leading up to the event and afterward by writing thank-you letters and making personal phone calls. By the end of the day, we raised **\$65,706**. Our big, God-sized goal was \$80,000. While we didn't quite reach it, we saw incredible generosity and God's faithfulness on display. This support allows us to continue showing up consistently for student's week after week.



*Our team on our trip to the YFC National Leadership Conference*

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### Personal Update

On a personal note, a few meaningful things have happened as well. The church I've been attending has officially partnered with me in prayer and financial support. That has been such a blessing and encouragement. Knowing I have a home church standing behind both me and this ministry means a lot. I've also been grateful for the life group I'm part of there. It reminds me that I'm not walking this journey alone. I've also been sick more than usual lately! I'm blaming the classic Fargo weather swings from warm to freezing and back again. I'm thankful to be slowly getting back into a healthy rhythm.

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### Prayer Requests

As we move into the next couple of months, I would greatly appreciate prayer for:

- Continued growth in our Bible studies for the students who are already attending and for new students to step in.
- Strong mental and emotional health as we enter the busy spring season.
- Wisdom and discernment for our team as we seek God's direction in each ministry site we serve.
- Prayers for the two students I meet 1-on-1 with they have a lot of things going on at home with their families
- Prayers for volunteer help at the middle school so the ability to connect with more students on a weekly basis

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If you'd like to hear more about the ministry or have questions, I would love to connect with you. You can reach me at **832-641-7987** or **noahjedlicka@redriveryfc.com**. I'd love to keep you updated with specific prayer needs and stories of what God is doing. As a missionary with Youth for Christ, I am responsible for raising my own financial support. My monthly goal is **\$1,500**. If thirty people gave \$50 per month, that goal would be fully covered – helping provide for both living expenses and ministry costs. If God puts it on your heart to give, whether through ongoing monthly support or a one-time gift, you can do so at **redriveryouthforchrist.givingfuel.com/giving** (Select "NJ" from the drop-down.) For those who prefer, I've also enclosed an envelope for mailing a donation. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a real difference and allows me to continue serving students here in Fargo-Moorhead. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry.



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In Christ,

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