

LYU HAS A NEW HOME!

Big news for *LYU*! In mid-September we will be moving into a three-level, 4,400 sq. ft. building that is situated off the bridge in Lakefield (*formally known as the Tribal Voices store*). This has been possible due to an anonymous lender who provided a no interest, no payments loan for as long as we own the building. We obtained the building on June 14 but will be using the summer to prepare for the move.

How can you help? 97% of the funds were provided for the purchase of our new home however our immediate need is an additional \$55,000 by mid-September for renovations. (We are praising God that the \$20,000 that we needed to pay back short term loans, which helped finalize the sale, has already been met!)

There are many possibilities as to how our new building will be used. The 3 levels allow us to partner with others in the use of this space. We have a partner committed to renting the basement for office usage, *LYU* will use one level for offices and the main floor will be a multi-use space. There is also other possibilities for more shared space for rent.

To donate, or receive more information, please contact Chris Jones (**705 761-2903** / chrisj@youthunlimitedkaw.com) or check out lakefieldyouthunlimited.com

SIMPLY JESUS

Guy Freeman

Executive Director

How to describe *Kawartha Youth Unlimited*? Simply Jesus. We want youth to know and be changed by Jesus. We want staff and volunteers to be sent by Him to love and serve youth. We want our partners to be so in love with

Jesus that they come alongside this mission because He has laid it on their hearts. I realize that much of my job is to keep all the moving parts going in the same direction not losing sight of Jesus. This is both a privilege and challenge.

With this in mind, we recently completed Canada's first ever Jesus School, which was held at the Ukrainian Bible Camp near Buckhorn, Ontario. Jesus School is an intensive teaching and equipping experience designed to give participants a deep understanding of who they are in Christ and how to express the fullness of the Gospel in their everyday lives. It reminded us of the centrality of the Gospel and how it has the power to change lives. At the training event we had five people, on their own, ask to get baptized right in Pigeon Lake. This radical obedience we believe will continue to fuel the movement we see God doing in our area. We had 70 people involved in the school in different capacities and all that I talked to were deeply impacted.

Unlimited have held to this mission statement which is that we will: on the streets and at our schools and workplaces. As

CARE for the whole person; SHARE the life changing message of Jesus Christ; and DARE them to know and follow Jesus on the streets and at our schools and workplaces. As we share with others we also have the opportunity to **CARE** for them. Sometimes that looks like a meal or a coffee. Sometimes it is a hug or an encouraging word. Sometimes it helping them find resources and support to overcome homelessness, addiction or depression. It is a big mission, but as we keep Jesus at the centre

mountains move and lives are changed.

Last year across our Chapter we connected with over 1400 youth in eight communities. We have 205 volunteers, 20 staff, 227 regular prayer warriors, 32 church partnerships, and are using 20 different ministry models all with the purpose of caring for youth, sharing Jesus, and daring them to be His followers.

Youth For Christ Canada recently





For the past couple of years our staff at Kawartha Youth

Ten of our staff were able to attend the Jesus School event last month. The message of Jesus School is the **DARE** piece of our mission. Knowing who we are in Christ gives us the hunger and desire to know and follow Him more, to seek intimacy with Him and to grow in our understanding of the Gospel. As that happens it spurs us to move into the **SHARE** piece of our mission; to share the life changing message of Jesus Christ with the youth who come through our doors, but also with others. With our families, our friends, our neighbours, those in our communities, people we meet

Photo Credit: Julia Luymes Art & Photography released is a God sized mission statement which is to see "every

> young person living fully in Christ". To reach this mission we need your help. Our new Support Services team is now positioned to provide greater support to ensure people like you are well informed of the mission. Please take the time to read through these pages, check out our website at **youthunlimitedkaw**. **com**, and ask God how you can continue to partner with us in this great work. If you have any questions or would like to meet with me in person please feel free to contact me directly at **705 761-0236** or **guy@ youthunlimitedkaw.com**.



SERVE

A BIG thank you to the Ferndale Bible Church Serve team that came in and fixed up the front outdoor space at our youth centre! You made a huge difference! There are so many ways to get connected to the ministry. Interested in volunteering? Visit us online at: http://youthunlimitedkaw.com/peterborough/getinvolved/volunteer/



HOPE RESTORED

We are continuing to partner with Hope Restored to offer hope and healing to women in the sex-trade. For more information contact Katie Gibbs at katieg@hoperestoredcanada.org.

We have also been partnering with One Roof Community Diner who are running a women-and-children's meal program called "Women in Action" on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 49% of female lead households in Peterborough are food insecure. This program helps offer space for families to meet this need in a safe, loving environment. For more information contact jennifer@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

PETERBOROUGH

PETERBOROUGH YOUTH NETWORK

On June 5th we gathered with 6 church youth groups at Calvary Church in Peterborough. Adam Shepski shared a message, and worship was lead by a Youth For Christ band. It was a powerful night with over 100 youth being impacted by the message and empowered to share their faith! Our next joint worship event will be September 20th.



FIT

We just finished our first year of FIT (Followers In Training discipleship program), where a group of students completed levels 1 and 2. We volunteered at a Cree camp in Northern Quebec together this summer and had a great experience! We are looking forward to moving on to level 3 this year and going on a service trip to Puerto Rico next spring! We will also be starting up a level 1 & 2 program again this year for new youth to participate. For more information, or if you know a youth who wants to get involved, please contact Amanda Volk at amanda@youthunlimitedkaw.com



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VOLUNTEERING AT THE BRIDGE YOUTH CENTRE

Jennifer Kloosterman

Peterborough Director / The Bridge

The Bridge Youth Centre continues to be going strong, running the drop in three nights a week. We are seeing anywhere from 25-60 youth each night, and have an incredible team of volunteers who are caring for the needs of our youth, sharing Jesus with them and challenging them in their lives.

Our Elementary programs are going through a shift, as we seek to expand our reach in the community, by adding home visits and group mentoring for elementary and junior youth. This will require a fresh crop of volunteers who are passionate about young people and Jesus! So we are "calling all volunteers!" to consider if this is a fit for you! Volunteering with Youth Unlimited can look like all kinds of different things, anywhere from volunteering with a program, to office help, to preparing food for programs or helping with

special events. We asked one of our drop-in volunteers to share about her experience this year, and hope it will encourage you!

"I have been here since last October and I can honestly say, I have learned so much more than I have given! What I saw as an opportunity to volunteer with youth at risk, God saw as an opportunity to teach me about serving, prayer and evangelism. God has blessed me with an opportunity to learn these things in an environment of grace, love and lots of FUN!

We have the opportunity here to engage with these youth, build relationships with them, teach them healthier ways of coping, challenge their thinking and encourage them to be the people God wants them to be. Week after week, we see God's hand at work here – whether it be a youth who starts asking questions, or who shares their story, or who asks you for prayer, or a youth who simply makes eye contact with you for the first time.

You may be thinking; but I don't have anything in common with this demographic, or, I don't know how to share the gospel, or what if I can't connect with these youth, or I don't know enough. These youth don't care how much we know, but they know how much we care, through God's wisdom and love! The training you get here will provide you with the tools you need and God will do the rest!

This city needs us here; these youth need us here. And so I challenge you, pray this through, and see how God speaks to you! Don't ever underestimate the power of God – For He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!"

- Linda McLean, drop-in volunteer since October 2018

It only takes one caring adult relationship to make a world of difference in the life of a youth! If you are interested in getting involved, visit our website or contact us at 705 743-2900 or peterborough@youthunlimitedkaw.com today!

BACK HOME

Evan Buckles

Skateboard Ministry Worker

Hey everyone, Evan here! It feels great to be back working at The Bridge. Since the end of June, I've been back on a full-time schedule, and loving every minute of it. Being a full-time worker for The Bridge allows me so much more time to invest in the skateboard community. Lately we have been running skate club as usual on Monday nights, and have began taking weekly trips to new parks in and around the GTA.

Summer 2019 One of my favourite aspects of being a full-time worker is the time I get to spend with skaters outside of the skate park. I make a point to meet with skaters on regular basis for coffee and to chat about life. This **P.**2 is where the deep connections are made, and the

opportunity to share the love of God with them. The skate scene in Peterborough continues to be a bit of a rough community, but through the work we do we have been able to continually provide a safe space for all skaters, and a group of people that focus on encouraging one another and helping those who are in tough situations. Trips to other skate parks has also been a huge contributing factor in how we connect with

skaters. Our trips take our skaters outside of their comfort zone and allows them to push their skills in skateboarding. This also allows us a closer connection to them due to the amount of time spent in such close proximity.

All in all, working full time this summer is truly a



blessing from God. Having the time to give to our skaters and the downtown community is a dream to me. I can only imagine what God has in store for the rest of summer, and even into the fall when I gear up to finish my degree at the Master's Seminary. Thank you for following along and praying for the ministries that take place at The Bridge!

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JESUS SCHOOL 2019

Glenn Duncan

Kawartha House of Prayer

I just completed a week at Canada's first ever Jesus School. I had previously read the book Awake To Righteousness by Mark Greenwood and was eager to meet the author and co-founder of the Jesus School. The curriculum of the Jesus School has been developed by Youth For Christ Australia and this was the first school to be offered outside Australia. The school and the book aim to help Christians know and live their newcreation identity in Christ and that identity is beyond wonderful.

It has been a life-long quest for me to see new believers growing in freedom from sin and its destruction, living daily (and for the rest of their lives) in the joy and wonder of the Lord, sharing deeply in God's family, and using the gifts God has given them to share the riches of new life in Christ with everyone they meet. While that is my desire in my own life and for people around me, all too often I see new believers move from the wonder of new life and being reconciled to God to a gradual cooling, stalling in their growth to maturity and settling for less than the abundant life and sometimes turning away from God altogether.

I know that I have been given many advantages in my life. I grew up in a Christian home where my parents' example of consistently following Jesus provided love and a model for me to follow. I have always had close Christian friends and together we have encouraged each other. I am married to the most wonderful woman in the world and Jesus is the Lord of our home. As a young adult I was introduced to Bill Bright's concept of Spiritual Breathing to practice a moment by moment turning away from sin and self-centeredness and inviting the Holy Spirit to fill, empower and direct me. Several years ago I was introduced to Neil Anderson's compiled lists of Scripture verses that state our true identity in Christ, and I have made a practice of reading and in some cases memorizing these verses which have equipped me to counter the devil's accusations with the truth of who God says I am in Christ.

When I read Awake To Righteousness, I saw this book as another important aid to me in keeping my eyes fixed



on Jesus. The thesis of the book is that Scripture clearly repeatedly states that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old nature has been crucified with Christ and no longer lives and the life we now live is by faith in Christ. We have been born again by the work of the Holy Spirit and have been given new hearts. We have been made one with Christ, have been seated with Him in the heavenlies and have been made co-heirs with Him by our Father. We have been made God's own children and are identified as saints here and now and forever. That is who we are by God's grace.

Each of us who are followers of Jesus know this is true. However, when we sin, we doubt that we really do have new hearts. We know that God says our hearts are new, but how can that be if we stay stuck in sin? We begin to question our true identity. The problem is compounded because we have a spiritual adversary who not only encourages us to sin, but accuses and condemns us after we sin and calls into question whether or not we really are a new creation in Christ. The adversary tells us being holy as God is holy is a command that God has given, but it can't be obeyed in this lifetime and will only be experienced in heaven - so give up trying to live the impossible. That of course is a lie! Our Father has given us the one hundred percent righteousness of Jesus as our own possession. Perfection is the only standard that is good enough for God (Matthew 5:48) and He has given us that perfection in Jesus. The holiness question is already answered. If we know our identity, then God has also already provided everything we need for godliness and we can enter it in the strength of the Holy Spirit and by His grace.

Will we sin? Yes, but when we know that we are defined as holy, that we are saints and that sin no longer rules over us, we will call to God for his help and grow in our love for Him and rest in His love for us. The habits and patterns of sin will be broken because we no longer fall for the devil's lies, we no longer question our true identity and we keep our hearts and minds on the things above. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

The Jesus School was a week of immersing ourselves in Scripture within the context of Christian community. We learned what the Bible says about our identity. We

stirred each other to





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sweetness of knowing and walking with God. We left the Jesus School eager for heaven and joyfully celebrating that God has made His home in us and wants us to be overflowing with His presence so that people around us can meet Him and become His family too.

I encourage you to read the book and to test it with Scripture. It will be even better if you can read it and discuss it with friends. If you have questions, you are welcome to email me and I will do my best to process the questions with you. You can reach me at khop@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

"Thanks to what I learned and experienced in this weeklong intensive program, my life has been transformed. Going into the week, I struggled with massive feelings of unworthiness; not worthy of forgiveness, freedom, love, and many more lies. At Jesus School, I learned about what it means to have my identity in Christ"

- Jesus School Participant



HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

OFF TO A GREAT START

Ian McIntosh

Haliburton Highlands Director

What a way to start a new position in a new area! Over the last four months God has allowed for so much growth in the Haliburton Highlands. Partnerships have been developed with community leaders, local churches and their pastors and with all of you who support us through prayer and financial aid. I personally want to thank you for believing in this ministry and supporting us.

Youth Unlimited Haliburton Highlands has been very fortunate to partner with Lakeside Church. With the youth pastor from Lakeside, Chris Weir, we have had the privilege of entering the high school and tutoring students. In this program we help teens to develop their skills in reading and writing. In addition to this we have implemented a lunchtime dropin within the school. This has allowed students to develop relationships in a safe, fun environment. Being welcomed into the High School is a big win for us and we are so thankful for God's grace in this. I have had the privilege to join Chris in his Friday night junior and senior youth program where games are played and the gospel is shared with youth. Through these

programs I have been fortunate to build solid relationships and a strong trust with the youth in Haliburton Highlands.

With summer on its way, that means that these programs are coming to a close for the season. I am so grateful for the partnerships that have been formed and for God's provision in all of this. Throughout the summer leaders from Lakeside and I will continue to run a Friday night program that will allow for the senior youth to spend time together where we will be leading various activities and movie nights. I will also be spending a lot of time at the new skatepark in Haliburton. This is an excellent platform to reach youth from all different backgrounds and situations. At the skatepark I will be running the youth Alpha program every Wednesday where teens will be introduced to the Christian faith, God and His Son Jesus. I believe the teens in the area have such great potential and I am honoured to be able to walk alongside them daily. Please keep Haliburton Highlands in your prayers as we work with youth to find their true identities in Christ.

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SUMMER BREAK

Teresa Ward Outreach Worker, Minden

It is always sad saying goodbye to students for the summer. As we close out both programs in June, Haven in Minden and Shine in Bobcaygeon, I marvel at the work of the Lord. We have girls only in both groups and GIRLS are so much fun to work with. I love their energy, their silliness, their giggles, their innocence and how they struggle with letting go of little girl things while reaching for maturity. We have seen spiritual growth and awakening in both groups. The girls are always ready to read God's word, even when they struggle over the unfamiliar words and concepts God is teaching them. They can at times be easily distracted and oblivious to things around them, but once we start our God Talk, they settle in and became calm and most often attentive. We have worked on making things comfortable for open prayer and the girls in Haven now do not hesitate to pray. Their prayers are less about asking for snakes or turtles for pets and more about acknowledging God in their lives. My Haven volunteer asked the girls if they would miss Haven if it didn't run and they all agreed they would. One girl who has attended for her third year stated that she would not be kind, nice or loving if it wasn't for Haven. It is so encouraging to watch what the Lord is doing in the lives of the young girls who come out to these programs. All glory to Him. Amen!

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KAWARTHA LAKES

FORWARD. TOGETHER.

Christy Cockburn

Kawartha Lakes Satellite Director

On the morning of June 12, Rebecca Sage and I had the privilege of speaking at the Christ Anglican Church ladies luncheon and service in Bobcaygeon. It was the first time I have had the opportunity to speak there, however, every time we have been invited to this church we have received the warmest welcome.

This event was a little different than normal, as the ladies group had publicly advertised their event so that anyone who wanted to join could come. On the day of the luncheon, multiple ladies showed up from other had been by the service. This woman told me that she lived close by Christ Anglican and she had been sitting out in her back yard every day praying for the church. She was praying during a time that they were without a Reverend, that God would send the right person to take up the position and shepherd the congregation. She said, "This is the first time I have heard Bill speak and what a blessing he is!" She had received an answer to her prayers.

I could not comprehend what I had just heard. The first slide of my presentation was already up, waiting for me to start, and it said, "Forward. Together." I had taken it from the 2019 Youth For Christ Canada Strategic Playbook. I was planning to open my presentation with a message about the importance of partnerships, church unity and working together to achieve the same goal. This is one of our organizational strategic anchors and it was on my heart to share that day. However, this woman had demonstrated a beautiful example of loving the Body of Christ in such a real way, that I knew I had a new opener. I asked her if I could share her story and, with her permission, I was able to honour the new Reverend, encourage the host church, and bolster up the visiting attendees from other congregations.

This experience has impacted me greatly. It made me emotional for multiple reasons. First, I could not believe the love and dedication that this woman had shown for her brothers and sisters in Christ. For a year she has been praying for them, entirely out of love and support that they would be able to continue to grow in good health. Secondly, I had to be moved by the response of the room as I shared this story. There was a tangible feeling of understanding as they received the message I had prepared for them, I felt as though God used this story to open their hearts. Lastly, I had to laugh at God's sense of humour. He has a funny way of reminding me that He knows the desires of my heart... and He is always one step ahead of me!

denominations of churches in town to take part in the day.

The service was lovely. Reverend Bill Gray spoke about the power Jesus had breaking down walls. After the service, one of the ladies who does not attend the hosting church came over to tell me how moved she

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FEEDING STOMACHS AND SOULS

Rebecca Sage Outreach Worker, Bobcaygeon

COME COOK WITH US

Food can nourish the soul, along with the body, as it brings people together. In Bobcaygeon, we started a **Come Cook With Us** program early this spring with the desire to provide young people the opportunity to learn how to cook and to bring families together over a meal. Through our first two sessions we worked with and fed 13 young chefs and their 10 families.

This program helped to create community among the children while they worked as a team to cook, clean, set tables and host their guests. It also helped to build a sense of community among the parents as they ate together and helped our volunteers to do the after dinner clean up.

Through this cooking program we saw kids jumping up to offer to clear the parents' plates and trying foods they haven't liked before. Parents playing games with their kids, and kids caring to start conversations at the dinner table by asking how their parents' day was. When asked what the highlight of the program was, one mother said that she enjoyed eating together with her family and seeing her child's confidence increase through making the meals.

We look forward to running more sessions of Come Cook With Us in the next school year and seeing what God will do through this exciting ministry.

SHINE GIRLS GROUP

When I think of these young ladies my heart could burst! I am just thinking of all the fun, silliness, deep conversations, meals, and quality time that we have had with these girls throughout the year. We meet every Tuesday after school, we get together for sleepovers once a month, and we have a yearly winter retreat. I often dream about the incredible young women they are growing into and I am so grateful for every moment we have had with them this year.

Last month at our sleepover, while playing a game, one of the girls was triggered by feelings that she was a loser

and felt like no one liked her. As we talked through this with her to understand what was at the core of how she was feeling, I had the opportunity to share with her that these thoughts that were consuming her were lies. She continued to share more about the troubles she has been having at school with classmates using her as a target for their unkind words. We grieved together for her peers that simply don't know how to care, be kind, and see the good in our uniqueness. I shared with this young lady the truth about who she is. That she has an incredible and bold personality, she is valuable, and a joy to be around. She is cared for and has gifts that are amazing!

It has been a privilege to speak to the value that God has placed on this young lady's life and to all the girls in our group. God's truth is a beautiful and powerful thing that I have seen start to transform these girls throughout our year together. I cannot wait for the fall to have another year to speak into these truths and watch them grow in the understanding that they are deeply loved by God.

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AN OPPORTUNITY

Martin Chipp-Smith

Outreach Worker, Fenelon Falls

I am always amazed at the goodness of our Father in Heaven. He is so rich in His blessings, and when we are obedient to the opportunities He brings our way, He amazes us by His power, love and mercy.

At the end of June, I had the opportunity to travel to Pennsylvania with Al Cavers to be a guest speaker at a one-week boys camp, with approximately 200 kids, ages ranging from seven to seventeen. We were the missionary speakers for the week and were able to share our stories, and what we are doing through Youth for Christ Canada in the Kingdom of God. Between Al and I we had the privilege of sharing thirteen times. This was an incredible experience that stretched me, as a Christian, but the encounters the youth had with God throughout the week were a huge blessing for me. So I thought I would share a couple of the highlights from my experience being South of the border at Camp Sankanac. the least but I felt that the Holy Spirit had given me a message to share. The message was from Genesis 1 to 2 about being created in God's image, and the amazing personal and intimate way that God formed us. He spoke everything else into existence, but for humankind, He formed us like a potter with clay. God's fingerprints are all over us as evidence of His existence. After I laid the foundation, I talked about sin, and how we are now broken because of it. Although broken, God sent His Son, not just to fix our brokenness, but also to make us a new creation. We no longer need to live out of that broken person, but with Christ we are made whole and can live in Him. That was the premise of my message, and at the end I gave opportunity to accept Him or recommit to Him. We saw around thirty to forty respond to the call! Praise God!

I would say my biggest highlight (and I had several) came on our last day. I was sharing my last message with the seven to ten year olds about the need to take time out and be silent. Ironic, right? Some would wonder 'how can a young child be silent and listen to



I was the main speaker at one of the Chapel sessions through the week. Most of the week we spoke in the morning to two different age groups for roughly thirty minutes but on Thursday evening, I was asked to speak to the entire camp! I was a little intimidated to say



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: GUY FREEMAN guy@youthunlimitedkaw.com 705 761-0236 what the Holy Spirit wants to say'? However, at the end of the message, we sat in silence for a couple of minutes listening to our surroundings and I challenged them to listen for God to speak to them as well. At the end, when all the kids had left, I was sitting in the open-air chapel, and this one young man (probably nine years old) came up to me, with tears close to falling, said *"Mr. Martin?"*

"Yes sir?" I responded.

"God just spoke to me" he said.

"That's amazing!" I responded, "What did He say?"

"He told me He wants me to be a priest! He wants me to share His Word like you do, to other people" "Wow" I stated, "God wants you to be a minister of the Gospel! That is so awesome!"

This young man threw his arms around me and I prayed with him. What an amazing moment for

this kid! I am always fascinated at how God uses us to minister to others. There is no age requirement to serve King Jesus. Just a willingness to respond when He speaks!

Just before I left I asked that young man to write down in his Bible the date and the call that God had placed on His life. I also asked him to write down 2 Timothy 2:15 which says, "Study **and** do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling **and** skilfully teaching the word of truth. (AMP)

Isn't our God amazing?

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LAKEFIELD

LYU UPDATES

Thank You to our Student Employee

Anne Orsi joined us for the months of May and June as our student employee, hired through the Canada Summer Jobs program. Anne's genuine heart for ministry and serving was evident in everything she did. We are thankful for the initiatives she took on reaching out to the Jr. High students such as providing Bibles to the grade eight graduates, running M3 (Move, Munch, Meet) for grades 6–8, and mentoring our Jr. High Lettuce gardeners. She also helped wherever she was needed such as at our Jr. High Gym Night, the Children's Activity Tent at the Lakefield Market and organizing all our supplies used for our programs. Thank you Anne for your generous spirit, helping hand and the goodies you brought to the office!



ANNE ORSI

Thank You to our Volunteer Assistant

Tara Fields is a placement student from Fleming College and is volunteering at *LYU* from the spring until December. We are thankful for her enthusiasm and cheerful attitude! Tara helped with school support at Lakefield District Public School during the spring. She also helped *LYU* in our spring programs and she will be assisting us in some of our summer events such as the movie outing to Galaxy Cinemas, Cobourg Beach Day and the Kidz Zone at our Lakefield Sidewalk Sale. *Thanks Tara*!



TARA IS IN THE CENTER OF THE PHOTO, SURROUNDED BY JR. HIGH STUDENTS

Thank You to our Volunteers

Lunch Program

In partnership with the Lakefield Community Food Bank we have been providing 4-8 students with a lunch at our local public school. The principal saw a need of students coming to school with no lunch and asked if we could help. From April to June, a bag lunch was provided for these students which contained a sandwich, juice, fruit/veggie, yogurt and snack. Thank you to our volunteers Ruth Butcher, Sandra Peacock and Tara Field for helping make this possible.

Back2School Backpacks

Last year Lakefield Dentistry initiated a backpack drive, in which many of their clients filled a student backpack with school supplies. These backpacks were delivered to *LYU* and we helped distribute them to our local schools, families and the Lakefield Community Food Bank. This year Salon Sorella, in Lakefield, is also helping with the backpack drive on August 20, 2019.



LYU Jr. High Lettuce Farmer and Nutty Bean Gardener

LYU is mentoring and developing entrepreneurial skill in our Jr. High Farmer who plants, maintains, harvests and delivers lettuce from our seven "canoe" gardens and four raised units.





The Nutty Bean Cafe weekly purchases this lettuce from June to October, with a season's total of up to 100lbs! As a customer you can enjoy the lettuce on sandwiches and in salads at The Nutty Bean Cafe at 33 Queen Street in Lakefield.

Our volunteers at *LYU* are amazing, so we wanted to let them know how much they are appreciated! Our gift bags were a small way to say thank you to those who helped with our Kindness Club, Ping Pong Club, Jr. High Gym Night, school support and *LYU* Steering Team... just to name a few. A big Thank-you to IDA Pharmacy in Lakefield for supplying most of the items.



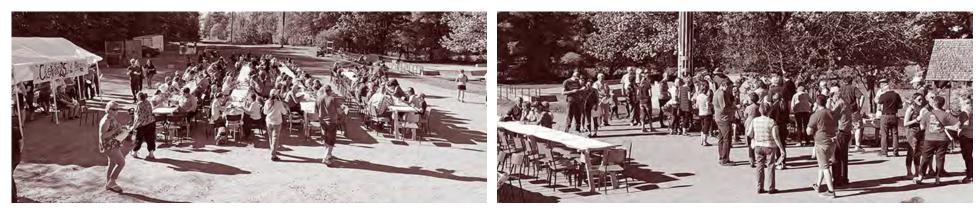
LYU also guides a Jr. High student in the role of Nutty Bean Gardener. The herbs grown directly outside the cafe add amazing flavour to the foods on the menu.







BANCROFT



COMMUNITY

Dillon Campbell Bancroft Director

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:25-27

As I read and think about these verses from 1 Corinthians I am reminded of our community in Bancroft and how they come together with generosity, kindness and love to care for our youth. On June 7th, The Switch Yard held its annual Barbeque & Auction fundraiser. After months and weeks of prayer and preparation, the Lord blessed us with a beautiful warm and sunny day where the community came together to support The Switch Yard Youth Centre and our ministry. There were approximately 250 people from the community gathered and \$13,000 was raised to help continue the ministry of The Switch Yard here in Bancroft. A huge thank you goes out to all those who volunteered their time and talents to help make this event happen. Whether you were involved with food, organization, set-up, clean-up, donations or were holding us up in prayer, please know that we are so grateful for each one of you. You have blessed us and encouraged us in more ways than you know!

As we move into the summer season, because of our incredible and dedicated volunteers, we are able to remain open for both of our regular Drop In nights. The youth are excited about this and we have had a good turnout the past few weeks. We, the staff and volunteers, are excited about this as well because it is yet another opportunity to continue conversations and to build relationships with the youth in the community and watch as we see God working in each of their lives.

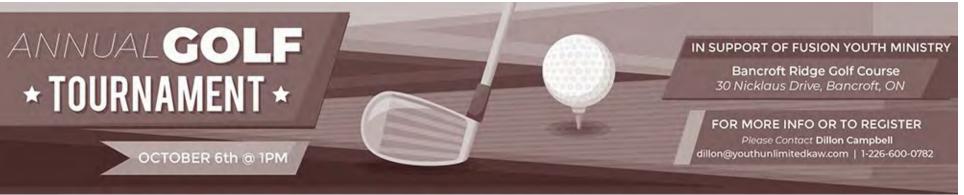
As we look to the fall, we have begun planning and thinking about different programs we can offer that the youth will benefit from. We have begun exploring with the Pregnancy Care Centre programs we could run alongside or in partnership with them. Programs where youth can develop life skills. Skills such as cooking, marketing, finance management, and resume building which will help them as continue to grow into young adults. We want to be able to meet them where they are at, and there is such a great connection that can be made when you are able to learn and work on new skills together.

In closing, we ask that you continue to lift us up in prayer here in Bancroft as we feel God working in many different ways. We ask for guidance as we continue to serve in every aspect of this ministry. We also ask for prayer for the youth who are away from The Switch Yard for the summer, some working and some are just hanging around the town. Please pray with us for their safety and protection and that the seeds that have been planted through their time at The Switch Yard would continue to grow. We know God is at work and we continue to look forward to serving him in whatever capacity and however he chooses to lead us over the summer and in our next ministry season.

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We rejoice with you for all that God has done in the lives of the youth here in Bancroft already, and we look forward with you for all we know he will continue to do!

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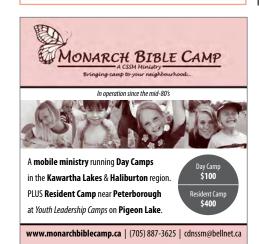
This theme really exemplified how we feel God has been working through our ministry this past year and how He is working as we look ahead and prepare for this next season at *Youth Unlimited*. **'More Than We Can Ask or Imagine'** also described well the evening of the Dinner with our biggest attendance ever and the opportunity to honor and celebrate two of our staff who have faithfully served in our communities for 15 years. We are excited to report that **a total amount of \$52,000 was raised!** The funds raised will be used to strengthen our efforts to build relationships with the youth we come in contact with across the Kawartha's and to provide love, hope and support through strategic programming.

Thank-you to everyone who attended the dinner and to all who faithfully support us through giving of their time, prayers and finances!

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