

Many have heard the old proverb, “The mice will play while the cats away”. That’s simply not the case around YFC. We have released our Executive Director, Lindsay, to take a brief sabbatical after over 30 years of full-time youth ministry leadership. While Lindsay is away, our team will be working towards closing out another school year of breakfast clubs and saying goodbye to kids they have engaged with daily from 3 – 5 yrs depending on the school. We will connect with young moms through a community kitchen program teaching budgeting and the value of nutrition. Our Nanaimo team are in final prep stages for summer camps where upwards of 150 youth will be invited at no cost, many from financially insecure homes. They will not only hear, but see the gospel presented, and each will walk away with a new Adventure Bible. In addition, our entire team will be recertified through first aid training, a condition of being a YFC staff member, and many will attend the national conference in Princeton BC in June.

All of these programs, and those that work in them, are supported by the generous donations of our many partners. Over the summer many will focus on fund raising for their individual ministries or the ministry in general. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of those personally supporting our efforts. We have some incredible stories to tell you and invite you to be part of this year’s YFC Charity Golf Classic either as a golfer or non golfer to hear those stories. More to come...

Join us in prayer as we wish Lindsay a time of rest and reflection over these next few months. Over the decades he has sown not only into the lives of thousands of youths, but also his teams, may they, and we continue to harvest what he started.

We live to give God the Glory,

Rick Boomer – Director of Operations YFC South Island

**To Golf or not to Golf, that is the question!**

Good news, we’ve got you covered both ways this year, whether you’re a golfer or not. Same great scramble tournament with a buffet dinner to follow, but we’ve added a second event titled *Breakfast @ The Bay*. For those that don’t play golf but still want to participate. Join us for a delicious breakfast buffet served in the Bill Mattick’s restaurant at Cordova Bay GC. Same day as the tournament and same location, but with a focus on our non golfing supporters. We’ll introduce our team and tell you some great God Working Stories from within the ministry of YFC. In addition, you’ll get to see first hand the many great items we have in the online auction. So, whether you’re golfing or not, bring along some friends and join us for this amazing day.



Join us for a great day of golf, giving, and gratitude

None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated staff, volunteers and generous sponsors and community partners.



FOR THE NON-GOLFERS  
**Breakfast at the Bay**

9:30 am buffet breakfast  
and YFC presentation.

**\$50 per person**



Scan QR with your phone to take you to sign up for Golf or Breakfast



## Rick Wismer Blue Bus Ministry

This is “M”

He loves fishing, climbing and Blue Bus!

I met with M at the Cowichan River. During salmon fishing season, he bikes home from Cowichan Senior Secondary School, grabs his gear, and goes fishing until it is dark. On the weekend, you can guess where he spends most of this time. His family live near the river and his father introduced him to fishing when he was young. Now his mom tells me that she has to can the salmon because their freezer gets too full. Unlike many youth his age (15 year old), M uses social media but he is most passionate about fishing and climbing. While soaking in the beauty at the river’s edge I told him that I also love the outdoors because I feel God’s presence and

that God’s word actually says that all of creation declares the glory of God. While M does not believe in Jesus, he is drawn to Blue Bus. He has already asked me about signing up for the fall. M is our most faithful Cowichan participant and most notably never misses our Serve Days where youth are expected to work. He is usually quiet in groups but he can be quite chatty with only a few people. However, this past week during our group meeting M both introduced himself and answered the question of the week. Please pray that M will not only love Blue Bus and our great teams, but he will also discover and embrace Jesus as his Saviour.



## Claudio Arancibia-Campus Life

This January the counsellor at one of my partner schools reached out with a potential student I could work with on a one-on-one basis. We set up a time for an initial meet & greet. The boy (I will call him P), is from Peru and has lived in Canada with his mom for almost 3 years. As we started to chat the counsellor left us in her office space while she went to check on another student. As soon as she left P turned to me and said, “I want to give my life to Jesus as my Lord and Saviour” I can 100% say, I was not expecting that!!! He went on to explain why and how he had come to this decision, explaining a very clear understanding of the Gospel. The counsellor (who is a Christian) came back into the space and I asked P to share what he had shared with me. She was just as stunned as I was!

What happened next was beyond my wildest dreams. I looked over at the counsellor and said, “I’m going to do it, right now.” I saw the panic in her eyes as she realized what was about to happen. She looked out the window into the hallway and said, “OK! It’s all clear!”

I was able to lead P in a prayer and when I looked up the counsellor and I were both crying and P was beaming and smiling from ear to ear! P and I have met several times since this happened. I pick him up at school once a week and take him out for an hour or so. Our time has been rich in faith conversations and we have recently begun talking about baptism and he has attended my home church with plans to invite another friend along.

## Jessica Nelson- Open Arms

I have had the immense pleasure of walking the journey the last few months with a super cool middle-schooler. She reached out to her school counsellor, asking for a support worker. My colleague, Claudio, is already in the same school working with three boys. YFC, was asked to provide “Mentorship and Youth support”, to one of the schools in the Victoria area. I was, invited, to work with “Jane”. We are still getting to know each other but I am, really excited to be a part of her journey through her teen years. We get to talk about school, boys, and Jesus. I am, honoured with the privilege to be another positive influence in this youth’s life. Praise Jesus.

