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Last week, I had a conversation with my daughter about my mission trips around the world with Youth for Christ and my former organization, LifeFORCE Teams. She asked me if I felt that I had been shaped by these different experiences. It took me a few seconds to answer, but I realized that one of the most significant things it has done for me is to make me grateful. Not just grateful for what I possess and how blessed I am to live in Victoria, but grateful for how it has confirmed the reality of my faith in Jesus.

I spent a week with our YFC partner ministry in Ecuador this month. We hosted a mini soccer camp and tournament, visited youth in their homes, and connected with leaders. Once again, I was struck by how we are connected through our common faith in Jesus. We know the same God and He gives us gifts that we cannot get anywhere else. Our situations are completely different. I don't have to deal with such severe things as gangs killing me or my friends or extorting money from my family. There is no comparison between our lives on that level, but we both have the need of connection with Jesus for forgiveness, purpose, hope and peace.

This is the message that we bring to young people through our ministries here in Victoria as well as those we support in other countries. Thank you for standing with us as we "bring Hope to every young person".

Lindsay Hodges

Executive Director – YFC Victoria

Kids in jerseys donated by
Victoria Soccer Club



Lennon talking with local youth at tournament



Lennon reffin soccer tourney game



The 2025 YFC Charity Golf Classic is rounding into shape and promises to be a great event this year with a number of new sponsors and an online auction with an amazing list of products and services from vendors local and abroad. And of course, our special guest speaker – former NHL great **Ryan Walter**.



On Course prizes include: 2 Hole in Ones - 1 for a Car from Maserati of Victoria 2nd

for \$10,000 cash Men &

Women's LD & KP's Plus more....

New this year is a on line auction with some incredible products and services from our community supporters that include:

- Weekend rental of a Maserati and a Weekend rental of a Alfa Romeo
- 5 Course Private Dinner for 12 prepared by Chef Castro and former Fairmont Exec Chef, Takashi Ito at the House of Boateng.
- Party Deck W/ 50 Tix for a HarbourCats game in 2026
- One Night Accommodations w/ Breakfast for Two at The Fairmont Empress
- 3 Rounds of Golf at Victoria Golf Club playing with Club Pro Lindsay Barnakevitch
- Tickets for the Vancouver Canucks
- One Night Accommodation w/ wine tasting at golf for two.

Plus many more items you can't afford to miss out on.

Sign up today and join us for a day of Golf, Giving & Gratitude.



When we started the Campus Life ministry in 2014, we had hoped to partner with various school districts. We began with one school that continues to be one of our partners, but also met with a second school in a separate district. The second school said, "No, it will never happen because of who you are as an organization." In February of this year, that second school reached out to us to see if we had anybody available to mentor two boys. These two boys were asking questions about faith and church and had mentioned it to a counsellor who knew about our Campus Life ministry.

I now have the opportunity to meet with these boys separately once a week. Our conversations revolve around things that are going on in their lives, but there is always space to lean in and point to Jesus. I even had the chance to take one of the boys to a City Wide youth worship night! I also gave the second boy a book mark with Bible verses that would remind him of how God responds to us in all situations. He now uses this bookmark as a prayer guide!

One of my hopes for the Campus Life ministry has been to step into one-on-one mentorship with students. I love that God didn't just open a door that seemed to be closed forever, but He opened it such a way that we are able to have meaningful conversations about Jesus.



OPEN ARMS MINISTRY - JESSICA NELSON

I would like to take a minute and share how proud I am of Michelle. We met almost 5 years ago when she was 14 years old through another youth that we were helping and God really highlighted her to me. I wanted to help this girl. We began to form a relationship and at times it felt we would get into a rhythm and then things would happen, and Michelle would disappear.

Fast forward 2 years and Michelle gets pregnant and needs support. Many agencies came around her with plans to house her and baby, plans to help her with finishing school and plans to help her with programs geared to young mothers and I got to jump in and help fill any gaps. Michelle and I met as often as she needed and talked through everything and anything.

I am happy to report that Michelle has a bright beautiful happy and healthy little 2-and-a-half-year-old. She has graduated from the Young Parent program with the Boys and Girls club and has moved into an apartment on her own. She is on track to graduate from high school later this fall and has plans to attend hairdressing school after. Thanks to a community effort this young mom and daughter have a bright future ahead.



GLOBAL IMPACT - DAVE PEACOCK

What a joy it is to receive reports back of how the items we send over to YFC ministries on a container are being used to impact many lives. We received this great report from Tanzania of how the soccer balls and uniforms that we sent allowed them to relaunch their sports ministry.



During our recent Sport Ministry outreach at Kitumba Secondary School, out of 2,000 students over 500 gave their lives to Jesus.

They are also teaching many teen moms who are in desperate situations how to sew, using supplies we sent, giving them an opportunity to earn a living and find hope for their future.

More than 75% of the 109 they work with in the program decided to follow Jesus. What a privilege to support what God is doing abroad!



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