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When God Draws a Heart: The Eternal Impact of a Life Transformed



BY CLIFF HEIDE
Executive Director

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

JOHN 6:44

One of the most incredible privileges we have in the work we do, is to be able to bear witness to the beautiful and miraculous moment when God draws a heart to Himself. It's the supernatural spark of eternity igniting within a soul, a divine encounter that forever changes a person's story. In youth ministry, we witness firsthand the incredible

transformation that takes place when a young person encounters the love, grace, and truth of Christ.

John's Gospel writes that “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them...” This means that every life changed through this ministry is the result of God's Spirit moving, calling, and redeeming. When youth surrender their lives to Christ, it is the supernatural work of God intersecting with human brokenness, offering redemption, hope, and purpose. In this we marvel at the way God chooses to use us in His work.

We've seen youth with heavy burdens—loneliness, addiction, depression, broken family

relationships—be transformed, full of joy, peace, and a desire to live for something greater than themselves. 2 Corinthians 5:17 declares, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” That is not just a verse—it's a living testimony we see repeated time and again through this ministry.

The work of God drawing hearts has felt particularly tangible to us this summer, as youth have had the opportunity to encounter God's love through our camps and summer programs - with many choosing to start following Christ and surrender their lives to him.

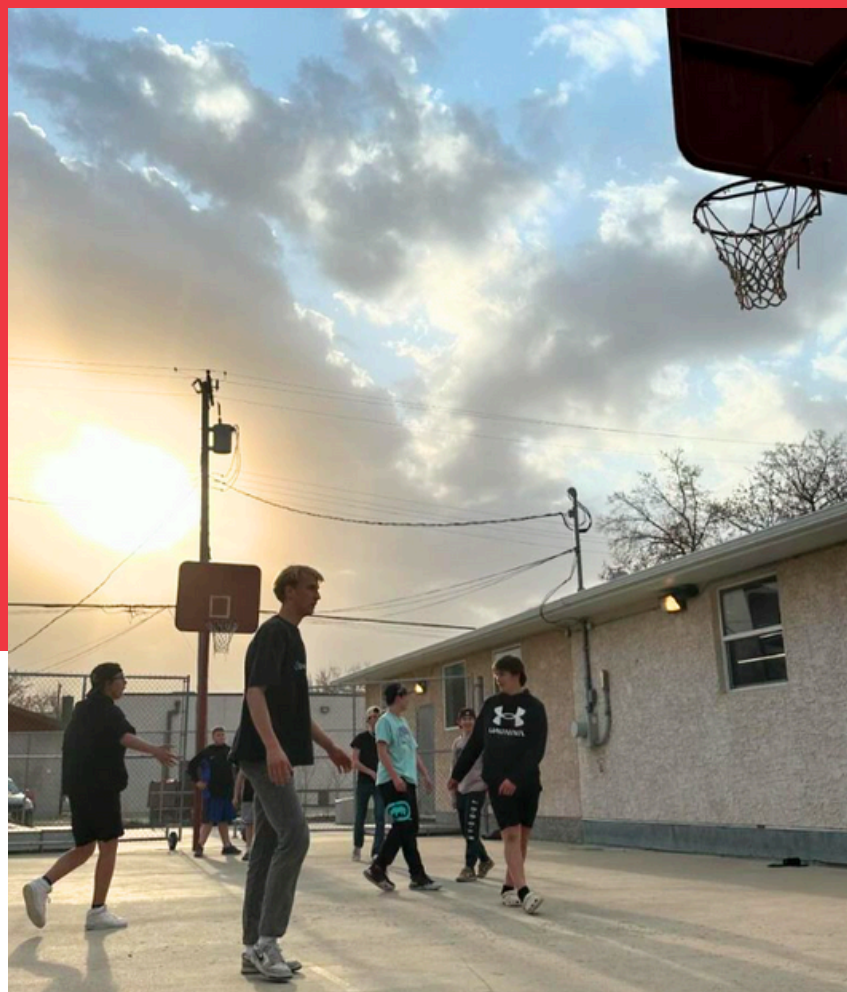
To our faithful supporters: your prayers, giving, and encouragement are never in vain. Every campfire conversation, late-night Bible study, small group prayer time,

is a seed planted in faith—and it is God who makes it grow (1 Corinthians 3:6). You are partnering in miracles, and investing in eternity.

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6

So, echoing the words of Paul, don't grow weary in doing good, because every time God draws a young heart to Himself, heaven rejoices—and the ripple effect of that moment will be felt for generations. I regularly have people connect with me as adults that mention how YFC programs, staff and volunteers changed their life because they met Jesus. Thank you for being part of this incredible, eternal work!



Moving On

CALEB MOGILEVSKI
Ministry Director - Film & Media

It was our regular Crew Night, youth were streaming in like any regular Tuesday Afternoon. As staff the slow, drop-in type start is a great time of connecting and engaging one on one with our youth. A deeper conversation started that has stuck with me for the past few weeks now. The young man I was talking with was on the verge of high school graduation. He had been a core piece of the ministry this past year and he was sharing his concerns and uncertainties of what's next in his life, high school was over for him and he had plans to attend University. Along with many other changes in his life he was recognizing

that his time at YFC was going to be coming to an end.

Through the conversation we discussed the importance of keeping God as the centre when going into the workplace and University life. It was an encouraging conversation for both of us as I was able to share the importance of having someone in our lives that can disciple us as we strive to disciple those around us.

It is so exciting to witness a youth build faith at YFC and hear their desire to follow Jesus in every area of their life. While moving onto new things often brings a wide range of emotions, especially for youth stepping into adulthood, we are thankful for the opportunity to help prepare and model how they can live out their faith. It is a blessing to know that God is continuing to work in the lives of our youth no matter where they go, growing the seeds of faith planted during their time at YFC.

It is because of you that we are able to be there for young people, supporting them through some of their biggest moments, like graduation.

FILM & MEDIA

Are You Hungry?

TERESA GALASHAN
Ministry Director - YFC Selkirk

At YFC Selkirk, we feed kids of all ages at each of our programs, and the food is always free. Some can afford to also buy extra snacks and concessions, and some can't. Some have food at home, and others don't. But all are offered a chance to eat something filling and healthy, with fresh fruit or veggies on the side.

Most days, the first thing I'll ask youth after greeting them is "are you hungry?" In the same way as kids having different appetites for food, we realize that the youth that attend our programs also have different levels of spiritual hunger and curiosity. All are in need, but not all may know their need. Some are coming for spiritual food, some for literal food, and others for social needs to be met. We seek to meet all those needs at once, build relationships and trust, and offer those things unconditionally to the youth coming to our programs.



YFC SELKIRK

Because of the fire last September, we have not been able to offer our lunch program the way we did in the past, with 30-40 students piling into our building to eat and play together. We are thankful for our temporary rental space, but we really miss being able to give youth the comforts of hosting our own homey space. We are looking forward to being able to build a new building in place of our old one, and serve the needs of our youth in new and improved ways.

If you'd like to be a part of rebuilding our YFC Selkirk Ministry Centre scan the qr code below:

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Guided by Grace Growing in Faith

BY Deb Richards

Ministry Director - Young Parents

Our purpose here at YFC is to engage and equip our youth to know and follow Jesus, and in our young parents ministry, we add two more E's, Empower and Encourage. It's been an incredible year of growth and deepening connections for our young parents.

We have witnessed moms get sober and stay clean so they can parent their children. We have encouraged moms working hard to bring their babies home from foster care, while supporting others choosing to walk away from unhealthy lifestyles to follow Jesus. And we have seen moms show up to be loved when they have nowhere else to go. All of this is growth in a good direction. We

are excited to see them make these positive changes, even when they are hard. Keep praying! God is definitely at work!

As a staff team we really wanted a chance to go deeper with our young moms this year. We developed a curriculum called "Faith - Why Does It Matter?" and on a weekly basis we took time to talk about Jesus, the Bible, prayer and church. We kept it simple, interactive and had many really good discussions. We even had a mini church service. Two of our moms made the decision that night to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior! We are so excited to welcome them into God's family!

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

ISAIAH 43:19

Because of you, young parents are finding hope, support, and spiritual growth as they navigate parenthood with the guidance of God's love.

Young Parents



How you can pray for our minsitries:

Film & Media

- Pray for the youth that are moving on from our program and experiencing post high school life for the first time.
- Pray for more opportunities to connect with youth this summer and into the fall .

YFC Selkirk

- Pray for the needs of youth in Selkirk, that even through disruption and temporary changes, the staff and volunteers can serve them well.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we take steps to rebuild a our ministry centre and that our fundraising efforts would be fruitful.

Young Parents

- Please pray for the two young moms who accepted Jesus, that their faith will continue to be nurtured and grow.
- We are losing some of our amazing mom mentors and childcare volunteers, and are in need of more caring individuals to help fill these roles, please pray for these needs.

The Rock

- Pray for continued growth and impact in this ministry as they strive to build a bigger community and go deeper with their youth.

Belay On: Empowering Youth One Climb at a Time

BY Luke Silvestri

Program Assistant - The Rock

When we first started our weekly rock climbing program this past year, we were unsure how it would go. As with any new program, we knew we were starting small, but hoping to build momentum in our first year back towards running a regular weekly program time at The Rock.

For the first two weeks we only had one youth come out, Cole. He enjoyed the space and the free opportunity to pursue his passion of rock climbing. A few weeks later he invited 4 of his

friends who are now attending regularly. It has been really cool to watch this small group of friends grow in maturity, climbing, and leadership skills.

I have also been really encouraged watching the group as a whole grow in their respect of and interest in our God talks. While the main draw was the climbing wall, we have been taking time each night to have a God Talk where we have been discussing the Fruits of The Spirit. This has been a really good opportunity to link our discussions week to week, and get everyone more involved by challenging them to remember

things from past lessons and quizzing them on what's coming up. I have also challenged them to memorize Galatians 5:22-23 the passage on the Fruits of The Spirit. A couple of them had it within the first few weeks! We are thankful for how this year progressed and the relationships we were able to make. Please pray for these youth and The Rock as we continue to grow this program.

Because of you, young climbers are not only reaching new heights on the wall, but also growing in faith, confidence, and community through Christ.

The Rock

To Listen to Cole's interview and other stories from this year's radiothon, scan here



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- ✓ CEDARWOOD (YEAR ROUND)

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