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At YFC, we're always looking for passionate Christ-followers to join our staff and volunteer teams, serving in youth ministry or behind-the-scenes roles across Winnipeg, Camp Cedarwood, and our satellite locations. Check out our website for opportunities. yfc.ca/winnipeg/get-involved



PRAY

Pray for our staff and volunteers as we transition into a new season of fall programming. Pray that young people across Winnipeg would find a place to belong through our programs and that the Holy Spirit would continue to draw them closer to Jesus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26

Golf Marathon NEW EVENT

Raise \$500 per golfer for your favourite YFC missionary and enjoy 27 holes at Assiniboine Golf Course. The day includes lunch, dinner, and prizes for top fundraisers. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

October 27

Fall Banquet NEW VENUE

Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Avenue; Enjoy a delicious dinner while hearing inspiring stories of hope. Go to yfcwinnipeg.ca to register

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We are pleased to announce that through our GOLF TOURNAMENT \$95,000 was raised to help youth in our community.

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Whether you are giving to one of our programs, a staff member, or our general ministry please know that your gift is life-changing, and together we can help young people attain their full God-given potential, in every area of life. Below is a list of areas that you can designate your donation to (Please note all community designations stay in their community).

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Exchanging Our Desires



BY CLIFF HEIDE
Executive Director

Over the past months, God has been enlarging my understanding of prayer. I recently discovered that in Philippians 4:6 the word often translated as “petition” or “request” is actually much different than it seems on the surface.

I have often thought of this verse as bringing your laundry list of “asks” to God, but the word Paul uses for “petition” in this verse is actually proseuchomai (the common Greek word for prayer) which has two parts: (1) Prós, exchange, like in a marketplace, trading money for chickens, and (2) euxomai, “to wish.” Prayer is actually us exchanging our wishes and desires!

The most common word for “pray” in the New Testament isn't about endless requests, it is about trading our wishes and desires for God's. He invites us to make an exchange.

We hear an example of this in Jesus' prayer in the garden, “Not my will, but yours be done” (Luke 22:42).

This lesson became very personal as we prepared for Cedarwood summer camp. Heading into summer, we were facing a staffing shortage that would make a significant impact on how many campers we could host. Week after week we prayed, recruited, and trusted God to provide, but the need remained. Eventually, we found ourselves having difficult conversations about whether we would need to cancel part of our camp program because we simply didn't have enough staff.

I wrestled with disappointment. “Lord, why? After all the effort we have put in...” But in the wrestling and prayers, God gently reminded us that this ministry never rests on our effort alone. It always rests on Him. Instead of asking Him to bless our plans, we surrendered the entire summer back into His hands praying, “Lord, we have done all we can, and we surrender this all to you, our only way forward is if you make a way. May Your will be done here.”

And then God did what only He could do... An incredible bunch of staff from Red

Rock Bible Camp stepped in to help. Their partnership became a reminder that God is always at work behind the scenes, weaving His people together for His purposes.

Since camp began, God has done incredible things. As I write this at the end of week 3, more than 60 young people have engaged in deep conversations and have decided to start following Jesus! Every one, a youth with a story, a family, and a future, forever changed by the hope of Christ. Praise the Lord!

Reflecting on everything God has done already this summer, one thing is abundantly clear. God is faithful, and His desires for us are for good. We can trust His ways.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us through your prayers, financial support, and partnership. Together we have the privilege of witnessing these stories of eternal significance. What a gift.

BECAUSE OF YOU, young people at Camp Cedarwood had the opportunity to encounter Jesus and begin a life-changing journey of faith.

MORE THAN A SKATEPARK

LUKE ARMBRUSTER Communications Coordinator

For many young people, The Edge Skatepark is a place to land their first trick, make new friends, or simply have fun after school. Behind it all is a team of volunteers building something far greater than skateboarding skills, they're building relationships that point young people to Jesus.

Two of those volunteers, Max Stockwell and Michael Wolgemuth, have different stories but share the same heart for helping young people discover the hope found in Christ.

Max's journey with Youth for Christ began at Camp Cedarwood, where his faith first began to take shape. As a young believer, he was just beginning to understand what it meant to follow Jesus. Those experiences continued to shape his faith, eventually leading him



to serve on staff at Camp Cedarwood. Knowing Max's love for skateboarding, another volunteer invited him to check out The Edge.

Today, Max sees volunteering as an opportunity to plant seeds in the lives of young people. One day, while helping a young skateboarder who had suffered a minor injury, their conversation took an unexpected turn when the youth asked, "How do I pray?". Max was able to explain that prayer is about having a relationship with God, that you can talk to Him because He knows you and loves

you. What began as a conversation about skateboarding became an opportunity to share the Gospel one on one.

For Michael, The Edge has been part of his life for nearly three decades. What began as a place to skateboard as a teenager eventually became a place where his faith matured and where he now invests in the next generation.

"At the skatepark, we're having fun together," Michael explains. "You're building friendships while talking about what you believe. It doesn't feel forced."

Over the years, Michael has watched young people grow from having questions about faith to encouraging others about God. Now, many come to him for advice about life, faith, and difficult situations. Because faithful volunteers like Max and Michael show up week after week, young people are discovering that they are known, loved, and invited into a relationship with Jesus.

BECAUSE OF YOU, young people at The Edge Skatepark have a place to belong, build relationships, and discover the love of Christ.

GREATER THAN THE GAME

JAMIE WILSON Sports Program Coordinator

Sports can be an important thing in a person's life. It provides purpose and belonging. It's where we learn teamwork and build our character. Sports can also be cruel. You can be hyper valued for your skill or toughness, or your willingness to win at all costs. As a result, many youth don't get the opportunity to be a part of a team. A lack of skill, athletic ability, or willingness to treat winning as most important, keeps them from playing.

One of our tenets at the Youth for Christ Hockey League (YFCHL) is to provide an opportunity for every youth to be successful regardless of skill or athletic ability. As a result, more youth have the opportunity to play, which provides an even greater opportunity for those youth to hear the gospel.

Mike is one such youth. This timid young man entered the gym ready with a long list of "reasons" he wouldn't be good at hockey. To be fair he was a bit awkward on the floor, he wasn't as talented as the others, and struggled with social confidence.

But week after week he came out, quietly worked hard amidst the constant apologies for his mistakes, and at the end of the year had earned himself the "Coach's Award" for being one of the most coachable youth in the league.

This past season, we saw him evolve into a very skilled defenceman. As his confidence grew so did his skill. He began to show more joyful expression as he surprised many of the other youth with his defensive play, doing well against many of our top players. He began opening up to me and my co-coach, sharing about his life. Soon he was sharing his desire to follow Jesus and began asking questions on how. At the end of the year when we were sharing amongst our team what our highlights of the year were, Mike's shocked me. I assumed it would be how he had improved this year or how he had a career high in goals (2), but instead he said, "my favourite part has been our Team Times and learning about God". Mike and I have since had many conversations about his faith and even baptism.

I am so thankful that Mike found his way to us. Because of how the YFCHL operates, he was given the opportunity to play, belong, and ultimately get to know Jesus in a way that will impact him far greater than the game ever will.



A Front-Row Seat to God's Work Among Arborg's Youth

LYDIAH OSENDI Program Coordinator - YFC Arborg

The first time I walked into the YFC Arborg space, I saw what looked like any teen hangout; a worn pool table, a stack of cards, kids arguing over controllers. But on the edges of that noise, something quieter was happening; youth wandering to the counter, picking up a Bible, sitting down to read the gospel with an adult. No one made them. They just came.

It's the games and the Gospel together, the chatting and the chapters, that build relationships here. A controller in hand lowers guards faster than a conversation ever could. Between rounds at the pool table, kids open up about family, school and friendships. And slowly, we get to point them to Jesus. We hold onto Matthew 18:11 like a promise: the Son of Man came to save what was lost. Not the polished, the lost. I've watched that promise take shape, one small hangout at a time.

One moment stays with me. A middle school girl sat at the counter wanting to read the Bible for the first time in her life. We started with the gospel, and when we reached Jesus' lineage. She was floored to learn his earthly father was named Joseph, same as her brother. She lit up, hooked by the coincidence and that curiosity has carried her forward ever since, page by page.

That's the kind of small miracle I get to witness; youths once ashamed to read now doing it out loud, unprompted. Scripture says God's word doesn't return empty and I've watched that happen in real time.

There's a quieter story too. A girl who came only for pool, said maybe ten words and slipped out early. Week after week, that was it; a nod, a game, an exit. But she kept returning. Slowly the ten words became twenty, then real conversation, then one night, an honest word about things being hard at home.

No one pushed her. We just kept showing up at that table. Eventually she started staying for the group conversations she used to avoid, listening differently, more present. Nothing dramatic. Just steady, ordinary faithfulness.

None of this rests on one person. It's carried by a whole team; people praying for names they may never meet, volunteers who lose at pool on purpose just to keep a youth at the table longer, the quiet hands keeping the lights on and a chair open.

This was never ours to begin with. We just get a front-row seat. One game, one page, one ride at a time. Is God at work in Arborg? Yes! In a million little ways.

BECAUSE OF YOU, young people in Arborg have a safe place to belong, caring mentors to walk alongside them, and opportunities to discover what it means to follow Jesus.

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