

# YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** This year our team has been talking about the importance of volunteers. With volunteers, we can reach so many more kids with lower impact to our budget. It is crucial that every paid staff work with a team of volunteers. In recent months we have tried to recruit new volunteers; streamline our onboarding process; place volunteers where they are gifted; and provide excellent orientation, resources and training. Priscilla is a wonderful example of an excellent volunteer adding to our team. She sensed a calling to work with incarcerated teens in juvenile detention, so she called YFC out of the blue. A few interviews, applications, and background checks later, and voila! She is a YFC chaplain/volunteer in the Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility.

Recently, our **volunteer Priscilla** shared this story (names changed for identity protection):



*".....unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darknessto light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me." Acts 26:17, 18*

*Since the summer of 2023, I have had the privilege of visiting the Juvenile Hall in Sacramento. My journey began with reaching out to the YFC website. This progressed to getting introduced to the Director of Chaplaincy after which I went through the orientation process. I focus on the girls' unit and have one-on-one sessions, once a week at the Visiting Center. I would like to share a brief story about the experience of one of the residents.*

*The first time I met "Lana" was one of the most challenging encounters. She seemed disinterested, sat with her head on her hands, her eyes closed and gave only one-word answers. She said she was not interested in reading the Bible as she couldn't understand it.*

*The following week I was glad she came back and I was able to share the gospel. I would encourage her to read her Bible to which she didn't seem very responsive. After a few weeks of regular visits, she showed up to one visit... All smiles... Saying she had a great week! She listed the positive things that happened to her including the possibility of her release. **I gently re-directed her focus to the cross** and reminded her that it was there that there is true joy and that the Lord is the only one who can change her destiny from death to life. And all this starts when we believe that the Lord Jesus is our Savior, and He died, was buried and rose again to save us from the judgement of sin.*



Lana patiently listened and said "I did! **I do believe that the Lord died for my sins!**" I excitedly asked when she had made that decision, to which she said, it was after the previous visit. She went to her room and that night believed in the Lord Jesus and had started reading her Bible and praying. This was moment of great rejoicing!

Theses visits have been a great blessing to me personally as I am able to empathize with those who have had the most unfortunate circumstances in their lives at such a young age. In spite of the gloom in those Juvenile Halls there is hope every time the gospel is preached - "for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes". Romans 1:16

Please pray for Lana as she still awaits her release - and is sometimes discouraged because of that. We are SO grateful for volunteers like Priscilla... and Fred, and Royal, and Patricia, and so many more, who come alongside with us to pursue lost kids in Jesus' name!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** (Sign-ups and information will be available at [yfcsacramento.org](http://yfcsacramento.org))

- **Wednesday, May 15:** Rob Maxey Legacy Fundraising Dinner at Hillenbrand Farmhaus Brewery
- **Monday, June 3:** Swing for Youth Golf Tournament at Cameron Park



**CURRENT NEEDS LIST:** in addition to general fund needs:

\$499: Total cost per kid for summer camp 2024 scholarships (goal 200 kids)

COVERED!! \$5,000: Bleachers and backstops for Barn basketball court

\$5,500: Tuff Shed purchase/installation - for tools at Barn

Sponsorships: For our fundraising events. Click "Events" or call us!

Volunteer opportunities: Installing that shed; regular yardwork at the Granite Bay Barn; working with students almost anytime and anywhere!

Thank you for your support and prayer! Please don't hesitate to reach out with thoughts or questions for me or any staff member.

Together for the Gospel,

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P.S. **I've Got Your Back Camp T-Shirt Fundraiser:** New this year. Click the QR code to let kids know that you're on their team!



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