

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

ABOUT OUR JULY NEWSLETTER: Several friends on our mailing list have made us aware that they didn't receive our July newsletter. We think a batch of them got lost at the post office. That's sad because it was a great update on summer camp. If you missed your copy, please contact us at yfc@yfcsacramento.org, or call (916) 375-0681 and we'll mail or email you a copy. Also, you can now find our monthly letters online under "stories" at yfcsacramento.org!

OTHER SUMMER FUN: Omar and YaHyl took a group to the LA to play for Crossover in a basketball tournament. They won first place! While in LA they visited Universal Studios and Six Flags theme parks. The kids had a



blast - **and they learned about Jesus!** Walking life with kids - playing, sightseeing, traveling - is the best way to share a relationship with Christ, demonstrating how he makes a difference. They had many positive experiences while just being kids, and their faith was increased. We are thankful to a few faithful donors who



made this trip possible - one where many kids experienced a theme park for the first time in their lives. Our Campus Life and City Life groups continue to have day trips, camping trips, lake days, movie nights, pool parties, etc. to beat the summer heat.

SAYONARA SUMMER (BY JULIE HABEEB): "Jessica" has been a student at the Sayonara



Center her entire life (her front door is 100 feet from ours!) She is funny, extremely helpful - when she wants to be - but guarded. Living with her at home are her mom and two older brothers. Mom works long days to provide for her children, but that often leaves them home alone.

Growing up on Sayonara Drive is hard. At a young age kids are exposed to things they should never see. Jessica has known three people on her street who have been murdered; she fairly often sees drug deals; and she's seen apartments raided by the police.

But there is also the good. Living directly across the street, she has been a part of the Sayonara Center even before being able to participate as a student. She has adults who care about her and check in on how she is doing. She normally gives a very short response or even ignores them - but she hears them. Growing up and being a part of YFC City Life has allowed her to



attend Vacation Bible Schools every summer as an elementary student. Since April she has been attending a weekly Wednesday night youth group with the Sayonara Center at a local church. This past month she has attended church on Sundays with one of the Sayonara staff. Growing up, one of her favorite parts of attending Vacation Bible School was the music and the dance team on stage. When she was younger she always talked about being a



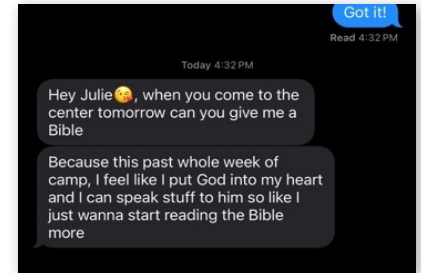
part of that when she was older. Well - it finally happened! Jessica was able to volunteer with Summer Blast at Life Community Church while 17 Sayonara elementary students were participating in the VBS. She was on the dance team on stage and also helped with art. Through the six weeks of practicing the dances at church she become more comfortable in a church, met more caring adults, made new friends, and heard about God and His unconditional love. Seeds have been planted her entire life. Many adults have been praying for her and other students. **Jessica has now asked for a Bible so she can read it and learn about God** (see text). We are thrilled to walk alongside her in this as she grows and



learns more about her creator.

By the time you read this, our middle school kids will be going to Santa Cruz for camp. Pray for us! **Your support makes a difference in kids' lives!**

DATES TO REMEMBER: (Sign-ups and information will be available at yfcsacramento.org)



- **July 30-Aug 2: YFC Middle School Summer Camp** at Daybreak Camp in Felton, CA.
- **Saturday, August 10: YFC Volunteer Orientation and Training**, 9am-1pm at Sayonara Center. No charge, lunch included. Contact trina@yfcsacramento.org for information and to sign up.
- **Tuesday, September 10: YFC Golf Challenge** at Winchester Country Club. Sign up at yfcgolfchallenge.com.
- **Saturday, September 28: YFC Comedy Café Dessert Night**, a fundraiser celebrating 20 years at the Collings Teen Center! Experience the zany comedy of Daren Streblow, enjoy a tasty dessert, hear stories of life transformation, and support YFC! Tickets on sale online at yfcsacramento.org! (See special insert). Call our office at (916) 857-0660 for more information.

CURRENT NEEDS LIST: in addition to general fund needs:

- Tools (new or good-quality second hand) to fill new tool shed at Granite Bay Barn
- Sponsors for the YFC Golf Challenge on September 10
- Sponsors for Comedy Café on September 28

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