

# YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** By the time you read this, we will have just recovered from our Comedy Café Fundraiser on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. "How was it" you may ask? As of this writing, it hasn't happened yet! Please visit our website at [yfcsacramento.org/events](http://yfcsacramento.org/events) for up-to-the-minute results from our recent Golf Challenge and Comedy Café fundraisers. We are SO grateful for our sponsors, participants, and donors! **YOU make this ministry bloom!**

**SPEAKING OF BLOOMING,** below is a chart comparing our 2023 ministry impact metrics and our recently calculated 2024 metrics. I am thrilled to see the trend of increase in three key metrics: Christ Sharing Relationships, which yield Decisions for Christ, which then result in Kids Now Attending Church.

Ministry Impact	2023	2024
Kids Connected	3,165	2,940
Kids in Christ-Sharing Relationships	475	762
Decisions for Christ	149	210
Kids Now Attending a Local Church	87	138
Schools Reached	63	63
Campus Life Clubs	13	14
Cities	12	12
Counties	4	4
Teen Centers	3	3

Our heartbeat as a ministry is really focused on **Christ sharing relationships**, which means kids are seen, heard, and known by caring adult leaders. Adding Campus Life clubs is great because it is like adding an additional outpost in a troubled world to reach lost kids. Altogether, these metrics are up around 50%. Our team has done so well to build their teams, performing the many duties of the ministry and going deeper with kids who need Jesus. Growing a ministry can feel like swimming upstream in a strong current; but it's happening day by day! **Praise God for the harvest and increase He is bringing!**

**CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS YIELD MINISTRY GROWTH:** Over the past year, Omar Turner and the Crossover Basketball ministry team have been planning a strategic ministry partnership with Light of the Valley Lutheran Church in Elk Grove. After much planning, this past spring we were able to launch a new YFC program there. The ministry is focused on Harriet Eddy Middle School.





According to Omar: "We met at least 65 new kids at Harriet Eddy this spring and summer. Because the school is right across the street from Light of the Valley, we were able to invite kids over to the church property, where they have set aside several rooms for us to have Campus Life club and to offer tutoring. We were able to get some software donated and we purchased laptops for the kids to do the work. We also take the opportunity to talk about life skills, character,

citizenship, and of course, our Christian faith. We had a day camp on the church property, which led to having at least a dozen of the kids join our summer camp trip to Santa Cruz. On that trip, most of those kids made a decision for Christ!" Pastor Jay Reed, Senior Pastor at Light of the Valley, said **"To me, this is what partnership for the Kingdom looks like.** It's bigger than any single church or ministry. We operate in our strengths and the sum is better than the parts! Christ prayed 'that they would be one', and this unity is what multiplies the Kingdom. For our congregation it has brought hope and opportunity to follow what Jesus is doing!"



**POINT BREAK ASSEMBLIES BRING HEALING:** Pictured here is our Point Break team. Our Point Break workshops are designed to promote empathy and emotional resiliency among students. Resilient students display social competence, problem-solving skills, personal responsibility and a sense of purpose and hope for the future. As we talk (and let kids share) about the trials and tribulations in life, it becomes clear that biblical values (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.) are key to a happy and healthy life. Many schools are seeking us out for the transformation of a campus culture that Point Break can bring!



On behalf of our YFC board and staff team - and the kids they serve - thank you for your commitment to YFC!

Together for our youth,




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