

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: *Happy December and a Merry Christmas Season to you!* If we weren't able to reach you during our recent Thank-A-Thon, please know that we are SO grateful for your prayers and financial support for this ministry. Our team is pressing on with the Gospel, and we feel encouraged when many support the work. Our volunteer ranks are growing, and we are slowly and carefully adding new ministry sites. We envision new and greater things in 2025, and with your support we'll reach farther, wider, and deeper as we contend for kids who need Jesus! **Please don't hesitate to call me** with any thoughts or questions you may have about the ministry, how you can help, and where our plans will take us in the new year.

TRINA'S PRAYER WARRIOR: *I met "Mikayla" when she was about 11. She had just gotten out of the foster system where she had been for several months due to physical abuse by her father.*



*When I first met her at the teen center, she spent most of her time drunk or high; she was desperate to escape. Three years ago, I sat with Mikayla at summer camp as she prayed and gave her life to Christ. **She went around telling everyone that she had become a Christian!** When she got home from camp, her struggle was intense and she began to*

drink again. She dropped out of school her freshman year of high school. I sat down with her and told her I was not going anywhere and that I would be here for her. My husband, Geoff, and I have taken Mikayla out to eat and spent many hours talking and sharing God's promises with her. I have decent communication with her mother now and she trusts us to spend time with Mikayla.

*Mikayla is now back in school as a sophomore. She has goals and wants so badly to break the chains of her family dysfunction. She is becoming a student leader. She, like many of the students we have the pleasure of spending time with, deals with more than any young person should have to. **The difference is she has a relationship with Jesus now** and is learning to put her trust in Him.*

Recently I told Mikayla that I was scheduled to have a somewhat complicated surgical procedure. She was really scared. I told her the day and time that the surgery would take place. Just two minutes before I was to go under anesthesia she sent me a message to tell me she was praying over me. She had to send it by

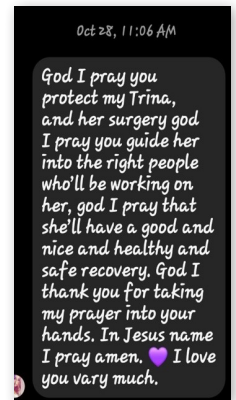


messenger on Instagram because she did not have a cell phone. I did not see it until a few days after the surgery - but when I did, it brought me to tears. (My surgery turned out well, by the way...) Together we are doing a YFC bible study follow up booklet, and Geoff and I bought her a special bible that she loves. Mikayla has been a blessing in my life!

1 John 4:7 says: "Dear friends, let us love one another, **because love is from God**, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." That sounds a lot like Mikayla!



STAFF ARRIVAL: J.T. Bove has long been a volunteer for YFC with Campus Life Gold Country. Now, as a part time youth pastor at Calvary Chapel Roseville, he has joined our team in a part time role to serve schools in Placer County and beyond. Welcome J.T.!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Saturday, December 7:** Collings Cares Christmas celebration event, Collings Teen Center, 11am-1pm. Hundreds will join us for a traditional holiday meal and our annual bike/skateboard/gift giveaway! If you're reading this before the 7th... come and join us!
- **Dec. 24 - Jan. 1:** YFC offices closed for the holidays - but still happy to receive your year-end gifts! You can reach Ed anytime at the email and phone number below. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

YEAR END NEEDS AND FUNDING: In our November letter we mentioned **our year-end goal of raising \$132,500 additional funds by December 31**. You can find the details on our website by clicking on our November newsletter at yfcsacramento.org/stories. You can easily give online at yfcsacramento.org/give. Your generosity will help us get a jump-start on growth and improvement for 2025! Thanks for prayerfully considering a special year-end gift.

Again, to you and your family from all of us at YFC - a blessed Christmas and New Years!

Together for our youth,




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