

YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN
CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

THIS GENERATION by Scott Mills, Nevada County Campus Life:

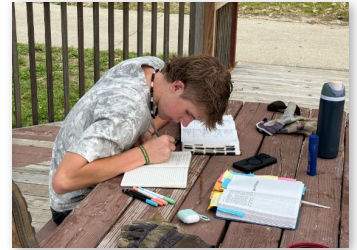
"I think you'd all like to know that there's something really amazing happening in this young generation right now. Something we haven't seen in quite some time. The last seven to eight years have been tough – starting in 2018 or so with all the woke stuff, and through Covid and beyond, kids seemed kind of numb and unwilling to really go deep. I honestly wondered if we'd ever see kids really crying out to God, hungering for the word, and truly owning their faith again. I've been praying for a revival in young people that God would let my eyes see before my time was up.

Well, I'm seeing it right now in our group (and if you are paying attention—across the nation). Kids are bringing their Bibles—worn out, highlighted, and stuffed with sticky notes—to everything. Taking careful notes at all our talks in their journals. They're spontaneously breaking into discussions with each other about scripture and theology. At every trip we've done this year, the students have gotten up early to have their own Bible study—completely on their own with no staff involved. On the trip this past week, I saw kids all hours of the day and night, whenever there was down time, sitting in little circles of two to six kids in their camp chairs with their Bibles open, talking scripture. In our group right now, we have the president of the Nevada Union High School FCA, ASB president, senior class president, ASB treasurer, vice president, and several other student council members—and they all love Jesus. One of our students started his own Christian clothing brand, and his shirts— "completely unashamed of the Gospel"—are getting pretty popular with his peers.



Something's happening! I almost feel like us adults are scrambling trying to keep up with the hunger these kids have right now. These kids are leaders. Many of them are first-generation Christians in their own homes, or at least the most spiritually locked-in members of their households. Wherever you look you're starting to see it. There's so much discouragement going on in the world at the moment, I wanted you all to know there's a "Jesus generation" rising up right now—and they're not waiting for the adults to pull them along.

To the right is a picture I took on a recent weekend service retreat. I crawled out of my sleeping bag and headed to the bathroom one morning, thinking I may be the first one up, and here was a kid (and a few others not in the shot) up early and meeting to study the Bible (no adults present). Not much I could see would make me prouder than I was in that moment. Just one of many we've been seeing over the past six months or so.



I know everyone seems to think this generation is more selfish, checked out, and apathetic than any that has come before—but, I'm here to tell you that while their challenges are very real, and many are very lost, **there's a remnant rising up in this generation** that will lead their peers to Christ. So, pray for them, and pray for us as we strive to lead and encourage this group—and, in some cases, get out of their way."

FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER: For many years this fundraiser has provided a financial boost during our typical summer financial slump. This year we took in over \$50,000 for the ministry! This fundraiser requires a ton of work, blood, sweat, and tears. This year, however, might be our final year as we are losing our best location to a random drawing, and it seems more and more groups are vying for fewer locations. We are always looking for great ways to fund the ministry, and we'll keep striving to do so in a variety of ways. Speaking for our entire team, we can't say "Thank You" enough for supporting the ministry monthly, occasionally, and/or at year end. **You are making these stories of life change possible!**



NEW MINISTRY STARTING THIS FALL: Campus Life is returning to Rancho Cordova! We will partner with Cordova Lutheran Church to offer an after school drop-in center for both Cordova High School and Mills Middle School. We will also establish a campus presence through visitation and lunchtime clubs. This is a fantastic way to walk life with kids – meeting and contacting them on campus, then establishing a safe welcoming space right in their neighborhood, across the street from school, on their walk home! **Please pray for this ministry.** We will need new support of over \$40,000, which we are believing by faith will come in, to fund staffing and program costs for the coming year.

WAFFIRD MOTOR REPORT: In our last newsletter we included a special request for financial help to replace a blown motor for the Waffird family. Well, all the needed funds came in, PTL! The motor has been ordered and may even be installed already by the time you read this. Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" This is a great demonstration of God's provision through his people.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Last week of July: Summer Camp!** Over 100 kids headed up to Woodleaf Camp for a week of adventure and God's word. Please pray for lives changed as a result of this week! We'll bring you a report in next month's letter.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15th: YFC Golf Challenge** at Winchester CC. Join us for a top-rate golf tournament in support of the ministry! Go to yfcsacramento.org/events for more information.

As we begin a new fiscal year, with new challenges and exciting opportunities on the horizon, I can't thank you enough, our people of faith and generosity, for caring about kids through this ministry. It never ceases to amaze me how God provides through his family. Your prayers and financial support, in obedience to what God calls you to, makes this ministry thrive day after day.

Together with great hope for our youth,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Kaczmarek".

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