



2021-2022

Ministry Report





At YFC, we're all about stories. As you peruse the real stories of life change within these pages, I hope you'll be inspired by how God is using your story to forever impact the lives of 11-19 year olds who desperately need the hope of Christ.

So let's start here... Are you ready for an awe-inspiring story?

TWICE as many YFC kids made first-time decisions to follow Jesus this year, when compared to last!

You read that correctly. Christ doubled the fruit this year, as 7,323 kids found new life in Christ. Twice as many! Yes, despite the challenges kids face. In spite of a culture that confuses. It's never been more clear to us that God is already uncovering His story of hope among this next generation, and we believe He's preparing to do even more.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness..." - Isaiah 43:19

As you read the pages that follow, be encouraged. The mission is advancing. The gospel is as needed and as effective as ever, especially as the unfailing love of Christ meets today's changing youth landscape.

This year... for twice as many kids, their story will never be the same. We praise God with you, even as we commit to press on faithfully at your side until all have heard.

Twice as many. What joy it brings. What a story to share.

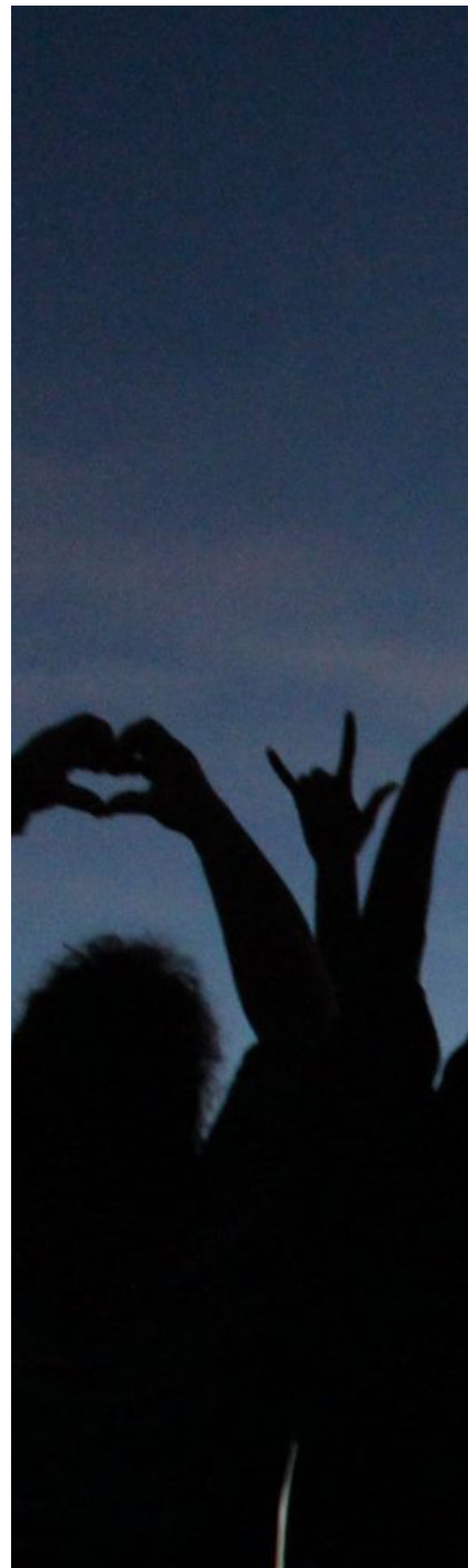
Soli Deo Gloria,




Jacob D. Bland
PRESIDENT/CEO



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The background of the entire image is a photograph of several people's silhouettes against a sunset sky. Their hands are raised in various gestures of prayer or praise, some forming heart shapes. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. On the right side, there are several thin, white, concentric circular lines that resemble ripples or a target.

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Photo taken at YFC Deaf Teen Quest camp during sunset hike where kids expressed their love for God and his beautiful creation in sign language.



From Crisis to Christ

WHAT WE KNOW

66% of students admit to feeling anxious about the beginning of the school year, and mental health issues are on the rise in high schools across the country. Teens have the highest reports of anxiety, depression, and behavioral disorders. Youth For Christ equips and trains leaders to come alongside young people. The first step is "tell me more". The moment we lean in, ask questions, and seek to learn what a young person has been through, connection occurs. Healing begins as Christ moves through the relationship.

CHRIST IS WORKING THROUGH...

- Ongoing regular connection
- Small groups of trusted peers
- Trips and shared experiences
- One-on-one relationships with Godly leaders
- Biblical community
- Prayer for the next generation!

"It's easy for us to think, 'I know what teenagers are going through because I was a teenager once,' but it's not the same. We have no idea what it's like to be a teenager in today's society... growing up with a pandemic and self-worth often based on social media and the way that people react. It's so important to hear what youth are feeling in response to the traumatic incidents they've had to deal with".

- ANGEL T., MIAMI YFC LEADER



A way of life that guides followers of Jesus to be good news as they share The Good News.

3Story® is the paradigm we use to describe how we live in relationship with God and others. We use three circles to represent these stories – God’s Story, my own story and the stories of young people. When the circles overlap, it means friendship is growing, trust is building, transformation is happening.

3Story® helps people who love Jesus stay tightly connected to Him so they become good news as they talk about the Good News of God’s redemptive love. It’s a lifestyle we pursue. We want to be people who love like Jesus loves us, who serve as Jesus serves and who are consistently drawing near to God for the sake of young people.

We pursue 11-19 year olds who are walking through pivotal, story shaping moments; like navigating a new school, becoming a teen parent, spending time in a juvenile institution or simply enduring the culture of social media. Young people often feel marginalized. As we live 3Story® lives, we represent Jesus who is steady and trustworthy so that young people feel seen, heard and valued.

3Story® Evangelism

As we serve young people through authentic, Christ-sharing relationships and holistic ministry, we communicate the love, hope and truth of the Gospel so they may know Jesus as their Savior and walk with Him for a lifetime. We also want to equip the Body of Christ to share this truth in the most impactful and relevant way possible. For this reason, we are committed to developing even more resources that will equip believers to share their faith.



Christ continues to transform young people ages 11-19 through authentic relationships, shared experiences, outdoor adventure, mentoring, and more.

Campus Life High School®
Campus Life Middle School®
Campus Life Military®
Deaf Teen Quest™

CAMPUS-BASED MINISTRY

Our campus-based ministries engage 11-19 year olds on campuses throughout the country. Campus Life® consists of 1,000 ministry sites at high school and middle school campuses throughout the United States. We also reach young people at military bases through our Campus Life Military® ministry. And finally, we seek to break down language barriers by building relationships with deaf and hard of hearing young people through Deaf Teen Quest™.

City Life™
Juvenile Justice Ministry®
Parent Life™

COMMUNITY-BASED MINISTRY

Our community-based ministries facilitate relational ministry rooted in Christ's call to those who feel overlooked. City Life™ is a relational, holistically based ministry that desires to see deep change in under-resourced neighborhoods by raising up emerging leaders from within that community. Parent Life™ connects pregnant and parenting young people with leaders that help these young people uncover God's Story. Juvenile Justice Ministry® strives to respond to the needs of young people in the juvenile justice system with Spirit-infused empathy as young people navigate the different pillars encompassing the juvenile justice system: Community, Courts, and Corrections. Together, our community-based ministries encompass over 400 ministry sites engaging relationships with thousands of young people across the country.

We believe the gospel comes to life in the overlap of God's story, our story, and a young person's story.

Explore these stories and learn how Youth For Christ leaders are helping young people uncover God's story of hope in their lives.



YFC LEADER HELPS FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUTH DREAM BIG

On any day, nearly 60,000 youth under the age of 18 are incarcerated in the United States. We know that these young people are more likely to experience trauma and mental health issues. However, we believe strong positive relationships can make all the difference.



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YFC VOLUNTEERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR LOCAL YOUTH

Our mission to reach local youth and create impactful relationships that connect young people with the truth of the gospel is aided by the help of thousands of volunteers.



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YFC SUPPORTS TEEN PARENTS WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

There are over 150,000 births to teen mothers (between the ages of 15-19) in America every year. A pregnant teenager can face social discrimination and often doesn't have the support needed to complete schooling, start a career, or care for themselves and their children well.



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32%

**OF OUR YFC CAMPERS
SAID "YES" TO
JESUS, STARTING A
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM
FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

40%

**OF OUR YFC CAMPERS
SAID "YES AGAIN" TO
JESUS, RECOMMITTING
THEIR LIVES TO HIM
AFRESH.**

Summer in review

YFC CAMPS AND TRIPS 2022

Souls were refreshed. Kids got to be kids. Stories were shared. The Gospel was shared. New relationships were formed with Jesus and Christ-centered leaders. Kids dealing with trauma received trauma-informed care through our licensed partners and trained leaders. Young people left camp known, named and loved... heading back to school no longer isolated and alone.

NEW THIS YEAR: MENTAL HEALTH COACHES AT CAMP

The world has seen a dramatic rise in mental health issues, especially among teens. The COVID pandemic and the tensions across the U.S. created even greater stress and mental health symptoms for teens in particular. To address this need, we added a brand-new role at camp this year and it proved to be one of the best things we've implemented in recent history. The mental health coaches were instrumental in helping cabin leaders best support and bring healing to the kids. Not only did they coach and train the leaders on how to best handle each traumatic situation, but they also served as mental health support for the leaders who have been dealing with their own difficult circumstances. We were committed to not raising camper fees to make this happen. Your support contributed significantly.



Does God know sign language?

"I had a deaf kid ask me once, 'Does God know sign language?' It broke my heart. I told him, 'God has complete knowledge of everything about you – your heart, your soul, your mind, your spirit. He purposely designed you just the way you are.'"

- YFC Leader

YFC's Deaf Teen Quest builds Christ-centered and life-changing relationships with deaf and hard of hearing teenagers. It's important to have caring mentors enter their world by offering fun, friendship, fellowship and faith in their language. YFC Deaf Teen Quest creates a space for healthy peer groups with Christian role models and helps deaf teens uncover God's story of hope in their lives.

At our Deaf Teen Quest Camps, even the year-round camp staff learn sign language. By providing a safe space that celebrates exactly how God made them, deaf kids feel more comfortable to open up and seek Christ.

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MINISTRY OUTCOMES

	FY 21-22	FY 20-21	% INCREASE	DESCRIPTION
New believing kids who began 3Story® relationships with peers:	2,403	1,426	68%	We love when kids who come to Christ ultimately begin to catch a vision for their lost friends.
Kids who were plugged into a fellowship:	3,785	2,601	45%	Fellowship most often means a local church. Because the body of Christ spans multiple generations, a fellowship will sustain them through life -- in a special way beyond YFC.
Kids engaged in discipleship:	5,476	3,437	59%	When kids come to Christ, we engage them in an ongoing discipleship relationship to help them learn how to follow Jesus faithfully.
Kids who came to Christ:	7,323	3,672	99%	We believe that if we're faithful to put leaders in authentic, Christ-sharing relationships with lost kids, the Holy Spirit will do what only He can do. We give Him the glory for what He did, despite an unprecedented challenging year. We also thank God for how He moved through your partnership.
Lost kids in authentic Christ-sharing relationships:	37,651	23,327	61%	Our leaders initiate and sustain new 3Story® relationships through the year. Our most important measurement: leaders with lost kids.
Kids in conversations with a leader:	59,519	40,877	46%	Leaders and kids initiate conversations with each other throughout the year. Conversations help leaders identify lost kids and create opportunities to share Christ.
Kids who shared their name with a YFC leader:	99,963	65,822	51%	A concrete measure of the total number of kids connected to YFC ministry.
Total possible kids:	13,572,417			The total number of kids age 11-19 within a YFC chapter chartered area according to the US census data.



Vandalism met with grace and pizza

YFC Leader shares story of reaching young people in unexpected ways.

"A local church partner provides space in their building to serve as our YFC ministry base. Recently, the pastor asked me to come to his office. He showed me some surveillance video taken outside the church building. In the video, a group of kids removed a 'No Skateboarding' sign and sawed off the steel blockers on the curbs, which are intended to keep skaters from riding there."

After sharing the video, the pastor posed an interesting question. "I know who they are, and I know where they live. We could call the cops. What do you want to do?"

For many, the answer would be obvious: report the vandalism to the police. **Instead, our YFC leader had a different idea.**

"I remembered my days skateboarding in high school, so I suggested installing a skate rail outside for the kids to use, and bringing some food and hanging out with them."

Soon, the students were meeting regularly with the leader and **ministry multiplied. Ultimately, three of the teens gave their life to Christ.**

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counting across the US
and US military bases.***



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