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Proverbs 3:5 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding. (ESV)

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Happy Spring! I think we've all been waiting for it. This past winter has been a roller coaster of weather across this great land. Charlotte and I celebrated our 40th Valentine's Day, followed shortly after by our 40th anniversary on the back porch in tee shirts, enjoying a coffee.

The weather sometimes reminds me of our ministry. It has its ups and downs; it has its beautiful days and its tough ones. But we must remain steadfast in our faith and in surrender, trusting God with our lives and His ministry. In our flesh, we long for a building we can throw our Upper Deck sign back on. In our hearts, we know that God still uses what we have and the resources available to us, to build His kingdom here on earth and in this town.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE/ PRAYER REQUEST

At the end of February YFC Ingersoll was in a negative balance of -\$3,859. Praise God for a very successful Bowl-a-Thon on Saturday March 4th, reaching our goal of \$10,000! Many thanks to all of you who participated or donated. That will definitely help, but it won't solve our current financial direction. Our budgeted revenue for the year is \$164,000 (or \$13,600/mth), but our monthly donations are much less than what is needed. Yes, the three main fundraising events we do through the year help, but what we also need is new and increased monthly donations. We need your help in

finding monthly donors (\$100, \$50, \$20/mth) and/or increasing your own monthly donations. When our ministry finances are in a deficit situation like this, we are faced with staff missing paycheques and possibly being laid off. Please give to this vital ministry in our community so the lost will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and eventually come to know Him as their own Lord and Saviour.

Deborah, Scott and myself continue to reach out in many ways to our community to teach and share the love of Christ with kids in our sphere of influence. We are doing all we can with the resources we have and send out a big thanks to all our local churches who are supporting us at this time with space and finances; to our town of Ingersoll for standing behind us and seeing we are a positive influence in our community; to our amazing pool of volunteers who give sacrificially of their own time, resources; to our financial donors and to those who pray constantly for this ministry.

We have such a great pool of kids in our various programs and they keep coming back for more. What is more? More, depending on the program, is food, it's fun, it's someone who listens/cares, it's a game of basketball or soccer or skipping, it's playing games or crafting, it's feeling loved unconditionally once or twice a week, it's being taken out for a coffee or hot chocolate and having someone to pour out their

troubles on, it's seeing short Bible story plays acted out by leaders and kids, it's having an advocate when they're in trouble with the law, it's getting help with their school work, it's learning to be part of a worship team, it's getting grief support at school when tragedy hits and above all, it's seeing Jesus meeting them when the time is just right!

We love doing what we do and we love having you, our ministry partners, participating in so many ways with us as we bring the good news and love of Jesus Christ to this community. We have served this community faithfully for over 30 years now and our desire is to continue to serve as long as God gives us breath. Please help us to continue being a light in this community for many years to come; as volunteers, through prayer, and financial partnerships.

Let's do coffee sometime and I can share more personally. Connect via email: joe.c@yfcingersoll.com, message me on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/10563857605/> or go right to our website www.yfcingersoll.com to make donations and catch up on the latest happenings.

God bless and keep you in His will!

Joe Carney