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Happy spring, everyone!

The days are getting longer and I just know there will soon be a season without snow. I love the anticipation and the hope of new beginnings!

God has placed eternal hope in us because of what Jesus did for us on the cross at Easter, shedding His blood for our sins so that if we choose Him, we will live forever with Him. It will be more exciting, beautiful and fulfilling than anything we can possibly imagine!

On Wednesdays at our Tick Talk Supper Club, Joe shows a video and I write and teach a lesson. We do all of this with the help of very dedicated volunteers. A few weeks ago, we showed the video and gave the lesson but it felt as though we weren't speaking the language of the kids at all. Then one of the youth told us a teacher had called him a jerk at school. He was probably doing something he wasn't supposed to do. However, there is never a reason to put someone down and we know the child carried that hurt because he told us about it. So we changed what we were talking about and told him it was never okay for someone to put him down and that he was not a jerk, in fact he is an awesome kid. We asked a few more questions afterwards and I know God is working with us on this. On the way out that night another youth asked who goes to heaven. That opened up another

whole conversation. The two topics the kids spoke about were close to their hearts and God made a way to talk about them. When the Holy Spirit shows us what is needed... the results can be awesome! When I was debriefing with God that night, I realized what He had done and I had to chuckle. It was a perfect example of His ways being higher than our ways.

Recently I learned that one of our youth who moved away has been having health problems. It was just discovered that she has spots on her liver. Another youth is still struggling with thoughts of suicide, then trying valiantly to overcome his circumstances. We don't know all that is going on in the lives of the kids we minister to but every so often something comes to our attention so that we can pray for and encourage them. We love them so much. We know God loves them so much more and only He has the answers. I love being His servant and doing the part He has given me. And I love that He is their rescuer so that I can give the burden of their lives to Him.

Changes, Desires and Needs

As many of you know, in December we moved our offices into our homes. The churches have been very gracious in allowing us space to have our mentoring sessions and Supper Club, and we are still renting space at Fusion for Saturday morning Breakfast Club. I feel we need space in the middle of town for our kids to come to. A few weeks ago, two of our youth came across town to one of our programs on a very cold day. Joe said they were like little popsicles when they arrived. They even got stuck waiting for a train so they could cross the tracks. They have not tried to come again. A place in the middle of town would solve that problem and bring even more kids to our programs.

You know the story of David and Goliath where all of Israel was terrified of the giant and David ran out in the name of the Lord and struck the giant down.... Well, that's kind of like Youth for Christ in Ingersoll right now. We need a place for our youth. The biggest giant in the way of this happening is finances. So it is impossible for this dream to come true except for God. And with Him all things are possible. Please keep this dream in your prayers and ask God for His will to be done.

I just received this from my director, Joe Carney, so I have inserted it into my letter:

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE/PRAYER REQUEST from Joe Carney

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, nearly 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 is much less than what is needed. Yes, the three main fundraising events we do through the year helps, 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 pay cheques 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. Thank you.

Thank you for your partnership. It is good to share this burden so that we can all pray for Youth for Christ and the beautiful youth in our community. God hears the prayers of the righteous and we are righteous when we believe in Him. So reassuring to know!

May God bless each of you as only He can!

Love,



Deborah

