

Thankful.

As we reflect on this past year, we cling to gratitude. God has proved Himself faithful yet again. Take one youth, Marcus (name changed), for example. When we met Marcus he was initially shy and reluctant to participate in YFC activities. His background has many challenges. Yet through his experiences with YFC, Marcus not only grew in confidence and vision for his future, but he also trusted Christ as His Savior and was then baptized through a partner local church. He is currently in training with the military. Before he left, his church and YFC family packed into a home to pray over him. In a recent letter to a YFC staff member, Marcus expressed he's staying rooted and strong in his faith and to keep sending him letters even if he has to do push-ups before he can read them. We give God all the praise for the transformation happening like we see in Marcus.

We've also seen God's faithfulness in 2023 in other ways:

- YFC Staff have cultivated a deep bond with one another through prayer, fellowship, and meaningful shared experiences, resulting in a powerful sense of unity in serving together.
- 70+ youth attended YFC Camp this summer, providing a transformative experience and a unique connection with God and one another.
- Our Club gatherings via City Life and Campus Life have served large amounts of youth, resulting in youth finding belonging while learning about God's love.
- Campus Life Lounge has become an oasis for youth in the afterschool hours.
- YFC Staff have maintained a faithful presence within 6 local Rockford schools, leading creative programming and regularly meeting with kids over lunch.
- K-PLAY has brought together law enforcement and local youth to edify relationships with one another through recreation and conversation.
- YFC leaders have pursued justice-involved youth with intentionality, offering hope during pivotal moments of their lives.
- Our Next Steps groups have provided ongoing mentoring and discipleship for youth through God's Word.

Behind each of these initiatives are kids longing for belonging and hope. These efforts make it possible for us to reach youth like Marcus. We thank God for all the outreach happening through YFC and our faithful supporters who invest in our mission.

As 2023 winds down, the need for this mission is increasingly clear. The spiritual and mental health of youth are in decline. Youth are hurting and often searching for meaning.

The family of YFC supporters helps to mobilize our loving YFC leaders to provide much-needed support to youth. Together we can help youth encounter God's love in fresh and inviting ways.

In this year-end season, we ask you to consider giving a generous gift to YFC and join the team, uncovering God's story of hope in young people's lives like Marcus.

Thankful for you in this Thanksgiving season!

In Christ,



Haddon Anderson, Executive Director



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