



QUARTERLY FALL 2025



Rebekah Kenway, Giving AND Thanksgiving

'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.' (Matthew 25:40b)

These are the words from the King in the illustration that Jesus taught to His disciples, when He was telling them what it would be like on "the day of judgement" as God distinguishes between those who lived for Him and those who didn't. This was also a verse taught on at our 5th annual Giving In Thanksgiving event (which was a tremendous success by the way).

If you haven't heard about it yet, after receiving donations from community members and Gaglardi Academy students, we hosted fifty youth on the Friday before Thanksgiving. These youth assembled 150 care packages for the homeless in our community. They had a lot of fun with this assembly line and got the task done quickly, but what many of them loved even more was the time going out onto the streets to deliver these care packages. Some of the youth were asking to stay out longer and did not want to end this time of ministering. We heard numerous stories of youth being able to pray and simply have a conversation with those living on the streets or in poor conditions.

This was just one of the comments from a boy during our time of sharing and reflection: "We decided to go to the local homeless shelter. And then when I entered there, I just noticed how lucky we are, because the living conditions in there were not amazing. They had tents. People hunched over everywhere. And I just noticed how ungrateful I am, because I just take everything for granted. But they don't have that."

While only God sees our true hearts, we saw how this event activated youth in prayer, generosity, seeing humanity and extending kindness to the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ. Thank you to those who joined hands with us to empower the youth to serve as Christ also serves us!

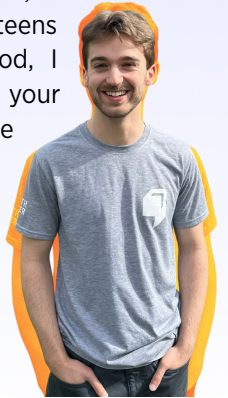
Hendré Basson, I Am Thankful

After launching back into our regular weekly programs for another fall term, I am just in awe at how God has provided. Having our YFC intern, Noah Wilding, was a huge blessing, as he has been an extra hand on our small team and a well of new creative inspiration. With his leadership, youth have been able to experience orienteering, wall climbing, and fire making, to name a few! He has been a pillar at our Thursday Boys' Group, stepping up as a capable co-lead in a season where many new boys have joined our THRIVE family. I am sad to see him go, but so grateful for what he added to the team during his university practicum.

In other areas, I have been so amazed by the wonderful volunteers who have helped to make our big programs a success again this year, notably Giving in Thanksgiving, our October event that sees leaders and youth deliver care packages to the homeless.

With our Friday Nights programs happening every week, the need for consistent volunteers also emerged— a need that was quickly met by young adults eager to care for the youth of our valley alongside us.

Finally, I am thankful to my supporters, who have financially equipped me to continue this ministry work. Your faithful generosity allows me to show up every month, year after year, to mentor, disciple, and engage teens in knowing Jesus. Without God, I would not be here. Without your desire to give, I would not be able to sustain my position. Thank you. Together, with God at the helm, we will continue to pursue youth so that every young person can live fully in Christ. Be blessed.



EVERY YOUNG PERSON LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST



Goodbye, Noah!

We're so grateful for the way Noah has served the youth during his internship with us. We are praying for him as he continues with his studies and sees where God is leading him next.

Five months flies by! God has been so good over this time, showing me over and over again why I love working with youth. As my time here at YFC Comox Valley and internship closes, I want to reflect on a key moment which happened just a week ago while I was speaking at a local youth group. I had put together a talk on God's commands using Psalm 1 and was preparing to speak both to the junior youth and the senior youth on the same night. The talk to the junior youth went about as expected, with constant interruptions and jokes throughout. I was trusting that God was working in a miraculous way to have these words not fall on deaf (or distracted) ears.

Moving on to the senior youth that night, it was a full reset and change of environment. The room was silent; captivated ears listened in and there was a sense that God was at work, not just in their hearts, but also in mine. Ending this talk I felt strongly that the Holy Spirit had been working and that God had spoken. The experience of sharing with two groups of youth, both on the same night, was a bit of a rollercoaster. I had a chance to debrief with the youth pastor, and we agreed that they were very different. One was full of distractions and silly jokes, the other was calm and powerful.

However, reflecting on this I ask myself: was God not doing all that was needed that night? Did God's plan become nullified by a 12 year old's joke, or by me slipping up on my words? The answer is a resounding no! God's timing and action is measured, accurate, and most of all loving. In both talks we showed God's love in two very different environments, with grace, power, and a whole lot of laughter.

As I move home, I will miss being here serving with YFC Comox Valley. But I am confident that God's plan for my life will be just as it was on that night, because His work in us is always good and loving.



Robbie Taylor, Faith Blooming

I've just come in from fall planting of my garlic cloves, ready for next summer's harvests. I've brought in the remaining squash and carrots from my garden. As I garden, I pray and talk with God about the season we are in as a family and ministry. I was reminded about the calling that God has called me to through YFC. Every seed that grows in this ministry begins with faithful hearts— people like you who pray, give, and believe with us. Your partnership is not just

support; it's part of the story God is writing through Youth Unlimited Comox Valley. Each prayer spoken over our team, every dollar invested, and every encouraging word shared with us helps to water the soil where hope can take root in this community. Because of your prayers and generosity, the doors of our programs stay open, the conversations stay intentional and real, and the message of Jesus' love continues to reach teens who are searching for truth and purpose. Sometimes, God's most powerful work begins quietly— like a seed planted deep in the soil. It may go unnoticed at first, hidden beneath the surface. Yet over time, it breaks through, reaching for the light.

When a father shows up at our youth centre looking for something positive for his daughter— as she's intrigued about Jesus and Christianity— and though he's not personally interested, he's open and wants to learn more for her sake: this such a powerful reminder that God is at work. He's moving in hearts and bringing people to us from the most unlikely places. We just get to be part of what He's already doing.

So this season at Youth Unlimited™ YFC Comox Valley, we're witnessing that same kind of growth. Families are reaching out, asking us to walk alongside their teens; youth are stepping into our programs with open hearts, curious and hungry for God's Word. What once felt like small moments— conversations over coffee, a prayer whispered in trust, a youth asking a question about faith— have become signs of small revival in our community. We're reminded that ministry thrives not in our strength, but in God's quiet persistence. Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." What we're seeing now is that harvest beginning. Lives are changing. Hope is growing. God is moving. As partners, thank you for planting these seeds with us. Your generosity, prayers, and faith are helping young people find belonging, truth, and purpose in Jesus. Together, we're watching seeds bloom into stories of transformation.

Taeryn Novak, Finding Belonging



Lately I have been feeling extra thankful to God for this ministry's many partners: the people like you who sacrifice time and resources to invest in the youth.

I am humbled to be a part of these young people's lives, and a part of pointing them to Jesus. I love the community we have here. It's not just a space for youth to spend their afterschool hours or their Friday evenings; it's a place where they can find true friendship, belonging and care. Whether this is through games, talks about Jesus, mentorship, serving together, or simply sharing a meal, I see how important this community is for the youth.

One of the youth recently shared with me that coming to YFC made them realize that there are people who care and would miss them if they were gone. It breaks my heart that youth today can experience such loneliness and helplessness, but I praise God that this young person and many more like them are finding belonging here. And it's not just because we offer fun programs; it's Jesus' love at work in the youth and in us.

As I hear from other youth pastors and Youth for Christ workers across the country, I am encouraged by what God is doing in this generation. I hope you are encouraged too. There is hope in Jesus, and people are needing it more than ever these days. Thank you again for your investment in this generation, and may we continue to place our hope and our lives in Jesus' hands.



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