

Volunteer of The Month



Kenny Toles is our volunteer of the month. We interviewed Kenny as a volunteer and had the honor of praying with him to ask Jesus Christ into his heart.

We referred Kenny to a

local church and he has been attending it regularly. Kenny has helped us with so many miscellaneous tasks, including serving lunch, cleaning the gym floor, and helping us prepare for Love in Action. Thank you Kenny for all you do at CYFC.

In Christ, Sharon Lockwood

You can make a difference in the lives of Youth! Volunteer at CYFC!

Yes, I want to volunteer at Casper Youth for Christ!

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Outreach Office Fundraising

Needs for Lunch at the Link!

Spaghetti Noodles

Elbow Macaroni

Hot Dogs and buns

Tortillas

Plates, cups and utensils



In our interaction with youth, we have found that, for many of them, marijuana seems to be their drug of choice. Why are youth justifying their usage? There are several reasons:

1. Their parents and/or older siblings are avid users. Growing up in a household where regular marijuana usage is common.
2. Societal approval – Youth hear from a variety of adults in authority that marijuana should be legalized.
3. Some youth believe it is okay to smoke marijuana because it isn't synthetic but grown from the earth. We try to educate youth that marijuana usually has more carcinogens in it than tobacco.

From our experience, there is a larger number of youth using marijuana than alcohol and they minimize the negative effects of it.

This is a concern because long-term usage of marijuana can effect their memory, IQ levels, respiratory system as well as promote cancer -drugabuse.com. A greater concern is that youth use it, as well as other drugs, to self-medicate, briefly escape reality instead of learning to face their problems and resolve them; but worst of all, they have learned to turn to marijuana in their time of need instead of the "Most High God". It can also be a gateway drug to other illegal substances. Casper Youth for Christ exists to show youth that Jesus fulfills the void that drugs cannot. Please pray for the youth in our community for a paradigm shift to happen such that youth will turn to Jesus as their long-term solution instead of the temporary high of pot.

In Christ Service,

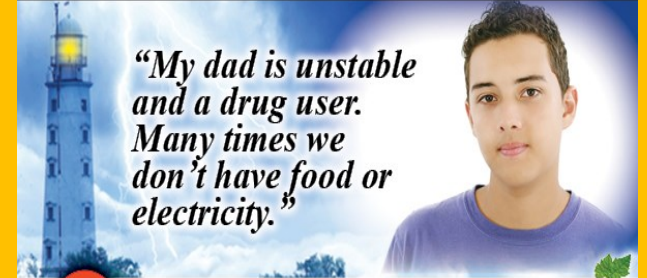
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ACTUAL, undisclosed juvenile testimonial made by Casper, Wyoming Youth. (Photo not of actual juvenile.)

4 homeless youth surrendered their lives to Christ. Read inside



Youth Crisis Center



Velma Harrison started ministering at Youth Crisis Center (YCC) this fall. For her first group, she decided to listen more than speak to get to know the youth. Listening to their conversation was very informative. When she asked them questions, they were very honest. They all talked about what they plan to do when they leave. Some youth were anxious to go home. One child was acting calm and then he quickly changed and wanted to fight another youth. Velma encouraged the young man to get involved with the boxing club to channel his aggression in a positive manner. Velma will be a wonderful ambassador for Christ to these troubled youth at YCC. Please remember these youth in your prayers.

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The Harvest is Ripe!

We had four homeless youth come to our Lunch at the Link outreach yesterday. Carl House gave them easy-to-make foods to put in their vehicle to take with them. They shared they are staying at a friend's home but know it is only temporary.

Hope House invited them to come into our office to receive prayer. Darlene, one of our volunteers, shared her testimony with them. They could relate to Darlene's past because they were experiencing the same kind of emotions she felt as a youth. One young man admitted that he couldn't deal with his parents rules and they were constantly fighting. We prayed for these youth to be reconciled to their families.

We shared the Gospel with them and two of them accepted Jesus Christ into their heart for the first time. The other two shared that they had received Jesus in the past but realized they needed to rededicate their lives to the Lord. So we had the honor of praying with them also. Please remember these young adults in your prayers. We gave them Bibles and let them know we are here for them. They shared that they would be back and thanked us for spending time with them.

Please pray that we have more opportunities to share the Gospel with more youth during the lunch hour. In Christ, Sharon Lockwood

Campus Life We are reaching youth in the Middle Schools & High Schools!



After a three-year sabbatical, I was sensing a call to get back into ministry. I started praying daily for God to direct me to what ministry

He wanted me to do. Then I received a phone call from Sharon from CYFC saying they thought of me when praying about someone to teach a Campus Life Ministry at Centennial Middle School. I sensed this was God's direction, but just to make sure, I prayed three more times and got three more confirmations that God was indeed calling me to teach a Campus Life Outreach. Three years ago, I taught a Campus Life at Kelly Walsh and got to plant a lot of seeds: God's Word and Christ's love. I still see many of my students that I ministered to at Kelly Walsh. In fact, I just saw one this summer and she is now ministering to children herself. I saw another one at Walmart and he is continuing to grow strong in the Lord. I look forward to being used of God again to plant His Word and His love at the Centennial Campus Life (1 Cor. 3:6-7; Psalm 78:4).

Ministry to the Juvenile Detention Center!



This month when working inside at the NCJDC I was blessed to meet a young man out of Chicago. He was affiliated with the Latin Kings, a large gang in the city. God has equipped me in a very different way

for these type of young folks. I come from that background myself. In speaking to the young man and sharing the Gospel in a way that he could relate to; who Jesus was in a language that he speaks. Street understanding is much different than most people speak. When you speak of loyalty and blood and coming into a kingdom it all means something different to a gang member. By the time this was over he wanted to accept the Lord so he could change. I told him I wanted him to sit on it a couple of days and pray and read because Jesus is not just something we accept today and forget about or to get us out of trouble. If you're going to commit you are committing to a life change in Christ. He promised me he would think on this. The visit was set for 15 min. but the guards let it go for an hour. Before I left he asked, "Will you come back next week and I will prepare my heart for being real." I told him, "If you are down with the crown then it matters only between you and Jesus and I will witness your life changing decision." He said, "You know I have to do this to become something different." Prayers were prayed and commitments were made. The Kingdom advances. From gangs to the cross is a shorter journey than you think.

Pastor Bert Eldredge, YFC Volunteer

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