

A Beautiful Christmas Gift-His Love in Action!



Dear Friend,

“Trulin is a 13-year old young man whose mom was in prison for ten years. He lived with his biological grandma for several years but when she passed away he was shifted from family to family for about five years. He met his mom for the first time when he was nine years old.

He spent a month with her and then was given over to another guardian through the tribal council. The new guardian came to him one day and told him that his mom was in prison again and he will live with her. He didn't get to say goodbye. Trulin shared that his guardian told him that his mom said he was a mistake and didn't care about him, but years later he found out it was a lie. Trulin shared that he had a lot of sadness and anger as a young boy. His guardian never let Trulin see his mom even after his mom got out of prison. He moved from house to house and begin using marijuana after one of his many guardians gave it to him.



Mona volunteers at Casper Youth for Christ (CYFC) and has a heart to reach out to hurting youth in our community. When Mona first met Trulin she felt the sadness in Trulin's heart and wanted to help him. Mona was called in the middle of the night by an elderly grandmother figure who shared that her legal grandson (not biological) was a monster. She handed Mona an envelope with the boy's birth certificate, tribal certificate and custody papers and told Mona to do with him whatever she wanted to do but get him out of her home. She released all guardianship rights to him and stated again that he was a monster.

Mona took him to her home that night. They were both in shock. It made Trulin feel sad, scared and confused all at the same time. When he first came to Mona's house he wouldn't leave his room, he was content to sit and stare at the walls. With his previous guardian, he was never allowed to go anywhere just to school and back home. He was never allowed to build a social life with his friends and was only allowed to communicate with the immediate guardian's family.

Overall, now that Trulin lives with Mona he feels happy and he doesn't to feel scared anymore. He shared that he is so happy living with Mona because she cares about him, and gives him things he really needs like a coat, and love. He feels really safe with Mona. Through Mona's love of Christ in action, Trulin has received Christ as his Savior and Lord. Trulin is signed up for our Love in Action Christmas Outreach and has volunteered his time at CYFC. Mona plans to start bringing him to our Verge Thursday night youth group where he can learn more about God's Word. Trulin's mother is in prison again but now he is able to start building a relationship with her over the phone. He shared with his mom about Jesus and now she is a believer in the Lord and is attending church in prison. Eventually, Trulin wants to live with his mother if she is able to stay clean and sober.

We are thankful for our volunteers such as Mona who are willing to go the second mile to help youth in need. Mona is now his guardian and is raising him in the ways of the Lord. Every day, Casper Youth for Christ staff and volunteers minister to homeless, troubled and incarcerated youth in our community so that they may come to know this wonderful Savior who can transform their lives. During the holidays this year 2017, CYFC helped 187 families; 401 children; 119 youth; and 21 homeless youth. Throughout the year, CYFC served 11,600 meals to youth; and engaged 1,587 youth with the love of Christ. You make an eternal difference in the lives of youth in our community. Thank you for your generosity. May you and your family have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Sharon Lockwood, Executive Director