

Mission Statement:

Central Oregon YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.



This month, we continued our journey with the youth through a video series by Louie Giglio which we finished. For the last couple weeks, we've been recapping some of what Louie talked about and how we can apply it in our lives.

This last Tuesday, after spending a while reminding them what we talked about, we struggled to get the youth to talk about the topic of dealing with pain. Nearly everyone admitted struggling with some deep pain at some point in their life, but no one really had any thoughts about how they dealt with it, or how to relate that to the story of Christ.

Then Leslie, one of our volunteer leaders, asked them, "Where is the first place you go when something happens to you?" This sparked a popcorn effect of discussion from nearly everyone. Some went to friends first, some went to parents, some went to counselors, and others went to no one - believing they could handle the pain by themselves. One of the things that did get brought up consistently though was the issue of trust. They pointed out that they had friends not keep the pain that they shared private. Some didn't believe their parents could understand. Many of them had counselors that accused them of lying, spread gossip, and point out more issues in their life rather than bringing resolution.

We also challenged them with the thought of how they respond when someone in pain comes to them and asks them for help. Most felt inadequate to help, and many pointed out the things that their friends for them when they were in pain that did or didn't help. The overall discussion pointed out, however, that people were quite inept at helping them deal with their pain most of the time. At that point, we were able to point them to God. As one of our Christian youth, Jessica, pointed out, the Bible refers to God as the Wonderful Counselor. He is also the Prince of Peace and He gives joy that surpasses understanding.

It was great for us to be able to point them to Christ for help in their pain. However, I want to encourage you that as you see a young person in pain ask God how He may have you be His extension of love to them to help bring healing and peace. Some people refer to this as being Jesus with skin on, or being the only Bible that some people will ever read. I call it being a Christian - Christ-like.

May you be blessed as you pursuing loving our young people with us!

Blessings,
Curtis Fox
Ministry Director

A financial update from the Board:

As a board we are so grateful for those individuals, businesses, and area churches that partner with us so that the ministry can continue. As well as expressing our appreciation for your contributions, it is our desire to keep our ministry partners informed about the financial health of the ministry.

YFC's fiscal year begins in July; consequently we have recently finished up the first half of our fiscal year. For the months July through December 2011 we had a total of \$60,803.34 in income. During those same six months our expenses totaled \$42,590.29. This surplus enabled us to offset some expenses from the last half of the previous fiscal year in large part due to starting up the Madras ministry site. Also, it prepares us to handle some upcoming expenses for the last half of our current fiscal year due to the timing of some of our annual bills.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Curtis, the Madras Ministry Director, we will be able to save some money in 2012, because for the first time we qualify for a 25% discount on our general liability insurance through YFC/USA. That will be a savings of over \$500. Curtis has also streamlined our accounting process which will result in nearly \$1,400 savings in 2012. Money that is saved can be used to extend the reach of the ministry to students in more Central Oregon communities.

Thank you so much for your involvement in what God is doing through Central Oregon Youth For Christ!

Dana St. John
Board Treasurer



CITY LIFE @ Madras, OR

COYFC is currently running a City Life event every Tuesday night from 6-8pm.

We also have a Drop In center open each Tuesday & Thursday 3:30pm-6:00pm. This gives youth a time and place to work on homework and to help them in their studies. It also provides them with a safe, fun place to hang out.

Financial Support:



Central Oregon's Youth for Christ is 100% dependent on donor support. Everything we do is because of people's partnership with this ministry. If you are currently supporting us I want to take this opportunity and say thank you. Because of your generosity *you* are able to impact lives of young people. Our vision is to be a vibrant light in our youth culture today. Please pray with us as we pursue making this dream a reality.