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Quw'utsun youth and outreach team ready to roll

Holy Spirit Moves

In a period of three weeks, ten youth invited Jesus into their lives. It all started the week before Pentecost Sunday at our Quw'utsun program. The evening included a Bible story, discussion, indigenous language, prayer, snacks and games. When I asked if anyone wanted to learn more about following Jesus, two youth put their hands up. After snack, the two youth who had showed interest ended up going out to play games so I asked again. One boy said he wanted to talk. I sat down with him and two of our team members and we explained how much Jesus loved him and how Jesus paid the price for all the things we do that dishonour God. We showed him a short prayer and asked if he wanted to pray to invite Jesus into his life and he said "Yes". We prayed with him and then began to discuss how to get to know Jesus better. As we talked with him, something happened that surprised us all. Youth started to come back into the bus to ask what we were doing. We explained what we were doing and asked them if they wanted to learn more. They all said "Yes". In the next half an hour, five more youth responded to Jesus. God's extravagant love was poured out! Thank you for your part in seeing young lives transformed!

Mentoring

Please pray for our volunteers as we seek ways to help these youth grow in their faith in Jesus this summer. We will also be trying to find ways to connect them with churches, Vacation Bible School and Summer Camps.

Fundraiser for Summer Camp

Since September we have seen 11 youth have responded the gospel and decided to follow Jesus. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 by the end of June to send all of them to camp. Please consider giving and indicate donations are for the Summer Camp Fund. Funds not used this year will be used for other camps.

Drivers Wanted

We need drivers to help take youth to church, summer camps and Vacation Bible School. Can you help us out?

Happy Tummies

Each time we open up the bus we know some youth will show up who are hungry for a snack or in other cases their family eats after our program get underway. Consequently snacks end up being both appreciated and important for them to stay focused and energized. We appreciate those people who

provide or have provided snacks - thank you! We now need more people to help out. Would you be willing to provide a snack once a month, once every two months or once every three months. You will be make a lot of little tummies happy and put big smiles on faces. Call 250-216-8287 or email rick@yfcvictoria.com.

Brothers in the Bus

I interviewed Joel and Brayden, two of our regular Quw'utsun attenders. A big thank you to Jeanna (their mom) for allowing me to hang out with them and include their interview on page 2. We talked about friends, dreams, God and of course we talked about the Blue Bus. Please send me feedback about whether you would like to have more youth stories like this in the newsletter.

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Volunteers

I love seeing our volunteers connect with youth - it is very rewarding. The potential is incredible. However, when we run our outreach programs, I often feel like we are just maintaining the program. Effective impact requires a staff to youth ratio that allows volunteers to move from just doing task to actually connecting with youth while at the same time keeping the program moving in the right direction. The miracle that happened at Quw'utsun is an example of what can happen when there are enough volunteers to move from maintaining a program to impacting youth. Would you consider joining one of our outreach teams so that we can see young lives changed by the love of Jesus Christ? If God gives you a nudge in our direction, I would welcome an opportunity to sit down over coffee to discuss how you could contribute to our ministry. Thank you. Rick at 250-216-8287 or rick@yfcvictoria.com.



Joel & Brayden

Continued... "Brothers in the Bus"

I (Rick: R) sat down at a picnic table to get to know two brothers from Quw'utsun, Brayden (B: age 13, grade 9 at Cowichan Secondary School) and Joel (J: age 9, grade 3 at Quw'utsun Smuneem Elementary School).

R: Where do you live?

B: 5366 Mulaqw Road

R: What do you like about your school?

B: Science and Art

J: Math, raptor tag, lunch, recess reading and doctor dodge ball

R: Who is your best friend?

B: Phillip Canute

J: I have a lot. Can't decide. Okay, Dwayne Canute.

R: What do you do when you are not at school?

B: Loaf around, go outside to play and look after my plants on the deck - fennel and forget-me-not flowers

J: Go outside to play.

R: A new boy named Darren moved to Mulaqw Road and you both soon became good friends with him. Since he is new, he asks you a ton of questions and you try to be helpful by answering him. Ready? Darren asks you, "What do you do for fun around here?"

B: Squirt others with water guns and on Mondays we go to the Big Blue Bus.

J: Ball tag.

R: Of course Darren would not know about the Big Blue Bus so he asks "What is the Big Blue Bus?"

B: Well, it's a Big Blue Bus. It's big, it's blue and it's a bus. It comes every Monday around six; I made a God's Eye so we do crafts. We watch videos about God.

J: Play some games, hockey, soccer, British Bulldog... We watch animated videos about God. We talk about the video and we get gummy bears for answering questions.

B to R: But I just thought I would let you know that they (the gummy bears) are not blessed food.

R to B: ...Well, we will have to bless them (the gummy bears) before we start next time.

B to R: You always forget to- I thought you would know that by now.

R: It must have been weird the first time you saw a bus drive into your neighbourhood. What did you think it was? [the bus parks right beside their home]

B: I didn't see it.

R: You eventually saw it. What did you think it was?

B: A big blue bus passing by.

R: You didn't think it was stopping then.

B: No. I thought it was just picking people up.

J: I was like, hmmm.

B: Then it was there for two straight hours.

R: Then you started to wonder?

B: Yah, what the heck is it? Then Joel goes out there.

J: No, first let me explain. Well, the first time I was like "Whoo" - what's this? I was wondering so I was like "Hello, I'm 8 years old mate, can I go in?"

R: We have a discussion about God after we watch a video. What do you actually talk about?

B: God

J: People who help God

R: How are the kids taught about God?

B: We have a tv, Rick has a computer and magic.

J: Stories

R: How else do the youth learn about God?

B: Action Bible and a bunch of other Bibles

R: Do they give kids Bibles?

J: For free!

B: Yes, you need to fill out a form. "So, Darren if you want a Bible you need to get a form." [youth need parental consent to receive Christian literature]

J: Ask your Mom to! [to complete the consent form]

R: Did you guys get your own Bibles?

J: Yes, I finished it before this kid. [he finished reading the whole Bible before his brother]

B: Yes.

R to J: You read it from cover to cover, the whole bible?

J: Yes.

R to B: Are you reading it too?

B: Yes, I lost where I was.

R: What was your favourite story?

B: I don't have one.

J: I can't tell with this kid...

R to J: So you don't want to tell the story because you think it will ruin it for your brother who hasn't read that part of the Bible yet?

J: Yes.

R to J: Okay, which story? [Brayden left the table briefly]

J: When God saved that guy who was hanging...like on a cross.

R to J: Do you mean Jesus?

J: Yes.

R: Do you experience God talking to you?

B: Experience tranquility.

J: Kind of.

R: Say good-bye to Darren for now.

Time to climb into our time machine. It is Christmas eve 2018 and you are lying in bed. What are you hoping to receive for Christmas?

B: Socks.

R to B: Really socks, that's it?

B: Yes.

J: Pekemon and Yugioh cards. [card trading games]

R: Climb back into the time machine.

After you graduate from high school, what is your dream job?

B: Math teacher.

J: Work at McDonald's.

R: To the time machine again. You are at your dream job and your boss gives you your first pay cheque. What are you going to do with the money?

B: Put it into my bank account.

R to B: Are you serious?

B: Yes.

J: Put all of it into my bank account.

R: One more time, hop in the time machine. When you are near the end of your life and you look back, what do you want to say you accomplished?

J: I defeated the Moon Lord [in Terraria video game].

B: I taught young kids math and they will probably hate me for it.

R to B: It that what you want to remember?

B: I just really want to teach kids.

R: God appears to you in a dream.

What would you want to ask Him/ have Him say to you?

J: How as an old man can I play games?

B: I would be perfectly fine with whatever He said to me.

R: Thank you for taking time to hang out.

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