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2020...A Clear Vision | Steve Pausch

The New Year is upon us and not only the new year, but a new decade. It is my hope and prayer that this letter finds you doing well and looking forward to what God has in store this year. As an organization, we are very hopeful for the upcoming year with where God has led us and allowed us to be. Youth For Christ has been around for 75 years now and has seen many changes in the world. Young people and the ways to reach them have changed drastically in that time. One thing remains: "My Word, which comes from my mouth, is like the rain and snow. It will not come back to me without results. It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do." Isaiah 55:1, God's Word Translation.

Tough Times and Good Times

This past year, we have seen God at work in many situations we have faced. In several of the schools where we have a presence, young people have decided to take their own lives. These tragedies have led to discussions of eternity with other young people and also opened doors for our staff to help in the healing process and in future preventative measures. These are never easy times, but we have been there and are thankful for the opportunities to minister in troubled times.

New People Groups

*In two of the communities in which we have been working, we have seen ministry open up to new young people this past year. A new partnership with local churches in Brunswick resulted in a new teen center. We've met 32 new young people who have connected with our caring volunteers. The center is open two days a week with the hope of opening more in the future.

*Our second new opportunity is in Wadsworth. We have a new weekly high school Campus Life meeting with athletes and their friends.

*Our staff are also involved with a mentoring program in Wadsworth schools and are meeting regularly with young people helping them through the tough teen years.

*A new mentoring program in Fremont with young people in the Juvenile Justice Center has seen the rewards of young people spending quality time with adults who are helping to guide them. We are looking at ways to expand this and have had very positive meetings about being involved with more kids who find themselves in trouble.

Thank you for your continued faithful prayer and financial support as we get involved in the lives of young people and help them navigate the turbulent waters.

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