

This is Greg Whitfield's 4th Quarter Prayer Letter 2017.

Report on Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo YFC.

Cambridge and KW are divisions of Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ



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Hi friends!

Thanks for reading :)

A) "THEY COME THERE STARVING"

We run a drop in out of a KW community centre every Tuesday night. There are about 30 youth who show up.

Caitlyn and Evan, two YFC staff members run it with a handful of volunteers. We were talking about the program and Evan said "The kids come with torn up shoes and no money to buy new ones...and they come there starving! They eat up all the snacks we buy. There's no way they could pay for the food if we started charging for it". The program is called 'Lifeline'.

One girl told her mom she looks forward to Tuesday's the most because of Tuesday drop in.

When I tell people that it costs \$400,000 a year to run YFC they ask where the money goes to. I say "Staff salaries and pizza". This isn't true but it's good for a laugh and it gets the point across.



## B) INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR FIRST STUDENTS IN A 2 MINUTE VIDEO

When we set out to start Catalytic Converters we got asked a few times whether girls would be welcome in the program. We said "Yes, and we are trying to recruit female mentors by asking churches for female auto mentors...and we'll take the guys too"

Well, one of our first 6 students who is piloting the program is a female. Here's our promo video that features her. Click the link then scroll down.

<http://www.yfccatalyticconverters.ca/ignition-why-we-started.html>



### C) WORLD CHANGERS

World Changers is a new program we've started in Kitchener-Waterloo. It's not so much a program as a monthly event.

It's led by Josiah, one of our new staff who is fun, can lead well and is very dependable.

Things like minute to win it games, burgers, and a world changer speaker talks for 5 minutes. The highlight of the night is the engagement part where the youth are lead in to easy and simple one on one conversations with each other – like about favourite colours, how many siblings, who they look up to and what they want to achieve in life.

The whole purpose is to create a non-churchy environment for kids to explore Christianity.

All youth groups are invited! So if you are reading this in the tri-cities area, encourage any youth leaders or youth to check it out.

You can email Josiah at [josiah.v@yfccambridge.com](mailto:josiah.v@yfccambridge.com)



**D) THANK YOU PARTNERS!**

Thank you so much for donating to the work of Youth for Christ.

This has been a particularly hard year as start ups are generally hard. We have started up YFC in KW and Catalytic Converters in Cambridge. We added 4 staff this year too and are about to add 2 more.

It's encouraging to know that people are behind us and praying for us.

God bless you and your loved ones richly and Merry Christmas!!

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