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The Coventry YFC Newsletter

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LIVES TRANSFORMED @ COVENTRY YOUTH CAMP

Hi there, and welcome to another edition of the Coventry Youth For Christ Newsletter. This edition is full to bursting with stories of young people engaging with Jesus over the last few months and ideas about how you can be more involved in the work we do as a charity. Let's start by looking at this year's Youth Camp, held in Oswestry over the schools summer break...

The Event...

Coventry Youth Camp is always a highlight in the CYFC annual calendar of events, providing a great opportunity to invest in the lives of young Christians from all over the City. And this year was no exception.

This year, the camp leaders along with 8 'young leaders' descended on Oswestry School the day before the campers arrived to start the all important set up job! When the campers arrived we embarked on a journey of discovery and change through an incredible week – full of fun and life changing moments; through games, friendship, teaching, discussion, prayer and worship.

The Truth...

A key element of Youth Camp is always to help young people engage with the truth of the Bible. This year we took a fresh look at Jesus' sermon on the mount, unpacking these amazing teachings, still relevant for a post-modern world. Throughout the week the young people & leaders alike were challenged to consider each of the beatitudes - what Jesus was trying to convey through his words and how our lives should be radically different as a result. It was amazing to see so many young people "eating the Word" throughout the week and allowing God to challenge & change them in a significant & lasting way.

The Result...

As with all CYFC events, our aim & hope is that young lives are significantly changed as they are connected with and challenged by the truth of the Gospel. Our desire is that the young people who attended camp this year are able to move forward in their spiritual journey through significant nurturing relationships in their local churches and friendships at school. Please pray for these young people as they make a difference back in Coventry.

For info about future CYFC residential, contact us via the web: www.covyfc.org/contact



FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN'D-RAISING...

June 27th 2010 – Do you remember that day? I do - I think that it was the hottest day of the year in Coventry! The other reason that I remember it is that - on the hottest day of the year - the Coventry YFC staff once again donned their running gear and headed to memorial park to take part in the fun run and raise much needed funds for the work of CYFC. If you aren't familiar with the fun run, it is a roughly 4 mile run through Coventry, beginning and ending at Memorial Park.

The team (Chris Slack, Yelena Williams, Jon Mills and Jo Wilson) were joined by a few younger members (Kai Watts, Yelena's son, Dan and Jon's son, Zak).

"I ran 4 miles on the fun run. It was a long run, it was hot and I was tired. I got wet because Daddy (Jon) pushed me in to the water from one of the hoses that the people watching were spraying! I did it to raise money for CYFC so that they can run 'Junction7' and other stuff." - Zak

This year we raised around £650 for the ongoing work of Coventry YFC – Thank you so much to all of those who supported us!!

"I decided to run the fun run for CYFC because my mum asked if I wanted to and because I like what CYFC do in Coventry for kids. I enjoyed the run it was fun." - Dan

It would be really great to have more people running with us next year – please let us know if you would be interested in joining us!

If you would like to raise money for the ongoing work of CYFC or one of our projects but running isn't your style then you could put

one of your own talents to work. Read on to find out how Joe Sidebotham has done just that!

Joe is 14, and regularly comes to Coventry Youth Camp. He has an impressive array of skills such as stilt walking (on giant springy stilts) and juggling - which he loves sharing with people. He is also a keen unicyclist. Earlier this year Joe set out on a unicycling adventure riding 100 miles from Coventry to Bristol in a day. He raised over £600 and donated half of the amount to the ongoing work of Coventry YFC.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Joe and all of you those who supported him!

HOODIE WEEK UPDATE...

Many of you will have noticed in our last newsletter that we ran a "Hoodie Week" at the end of last term to raise much needed funds for our continued work throughout Coventry. Although hoodie week started slowly as a fundraising event, it proved to be a great chance to make contact with local churches and reaffirm our relationship with them. We have had reports of several congregations donning their hoodies, together raising £100 which is a great start to what we hope will be an annual event. Thank you to all who took part.



NATIONAL
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

COMMISSIONING

DAY
COVENTRY CENTRAL HALL
2PM - 4PM

SATURDAY
23RD OCTOBER
2010

WITH YFC PRESIDENT, THE MOST REV AND RT HON ARCHBISHOP OF YORK DR JOHN SENTAMU
AND GAVIN CALVER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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LOOKING FOR YOUTH RESOURCES?

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ROCK SOLID

Reaching out to 11-14s in your community



RS2

Engaging with 11-14s in your church



METTLE

Building courage, spirit & character in 15-18s



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FINAL REFLECTIONS FROM CHRIS...

Coventry! Now that's a place I'll never forget, after a great summer camp where I was overwhelmed with what God did with the young people that I'd been working with all year, I'm sad to say that I didn't end up staying around - it seems God had other plans. My year with Coventry Youth for Christ has been absolutely phenomenal as I have grown and been stretched not only by God but by the whole team, as they invested in me in such significant ways. My placement at The Church in Binley Woods played a great part in my year as well - I honestly can't thank them enough for their investment. I want to thank all of you supporters who invest in the work of Coventry YFC and make the opportunity available for CYFC to have gap year students. I sincerely hope that CYFC goes on to have future interns as I know first-hand that they can be a great resource for effective ministry whilst receiving some of the best on-the-job training in youth ministry available.

So now I'm off to start in my new role with Cheltenham Youth for Christ as trainee sports worker, as Cheltenham YFC look to develop their community sports project. I will also be studying for a BA honours degree in youth work at the University of Gloucestershire which is an amazing opportunity (and a big challenge, but with God's strength I know I can do it). I love living inside of God's plan for my life & I thank Him for his grace and praise Him for what He has done in my life already and what He has blessed me with.

I will always remember and pray for the city of Coventry and the work of Coventry Youth for Christ as I believe that God is on the move in Coventry and it's a very special place to be.

Thanks to all who have befriended, invested and encouraged me in Coventry.
Be Blessed!



Chris Slack

DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

The autumn term at CYFC is always one of transition and excitement as we embrace any changes to the staff team, explore opportunities for the next academic year and re-establish links with young people in schools after the summer break. We have already experienced several new doors opening into schools this term and said hello to a new volunteer joining our schools team. We're praying that one of the joys of this year will be in building a really strong team of volunteers to maximise our ability to serve young people across the city. It's great to be able to invest in local people with a passion for outreach to the young people in their communities and schools.

We'd like to say a huge "thank you" to all those who support us in our mission to take the Good News to young people in Coventry. You're the ones who make all this possible.

Jon Mills

GET INVOLVED WITH COVENTRY YFC...

Fancy a challenging experience?

The CYFC team have a massive passion for taking the gospel to young people in Coventry and a huge desire to raise our capacity for mission. We are currently looking to grow the CYFC team so that we can do exactly that.

There are loads of ways that people can get involved with our work. Take a look below...

YOU COULD...

•VOLUNTEER WITH US...

Do you have a passion for face-to-face work with young people? If so, we're looking for people like you to join our team. No matter what your availability - whether you'd like to be involved for just one hour per month, gain regular experience alongside other current studies, or even work with the team full-time for a whole year, we'd love to talk with you about getting involved. We're also keen for people with administration gifts to join us in our work - could that be you?

•BECOME A TRUSTEE...


Be a part of the journey by joining the current board of trustees. Trustees play a significant and vital role in life of any charity, giving oversight and sharing responsibility for the effective governance of the organisation. If you feel you could play a part in this journey, please do get in touch.

•SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY...

Could you commit to donating just £2 per week (that's less than the price of a cup of coffee) to support the ongoing work of Coventry YFC, as we seek to engage with young people through work in schools, churches and detached youth projects around the city?

If you'd like to explore a role with the CYFC team, fill in our online form at www.covyfc.org/join

BE A PART OF THE ADVENTURE - YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO

PRAYER DIARY	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	<p>Vision & Strategy Please pray that we would hear clearly from God regarding the future of our work in this City - that we would be effective and see many young lives changed by the gospel.</p>	<p>Trustees Thank God for our trustees and pray that they would be effective in their Governance of CYFC. Also, please pray for us as we look for new members to join the board</p>	<p>Christmas Activities Christmas is always one of our busiest periods, and it's great to engage with young people as we explore the Christmas story. Please pray for the team as we prepare for this exciting period.</p>

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