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At the time of our Christian conversion, we are told that we become a part of God's family, but we've found that YFC teens often struggle with that idea. To many of the teens we work with, being a part of God's family doesn't make much sense. Family is a somewhat foreign concept; many have never had a functioning worldly family and even post-conversion they are intimidated at the thought of joining a local church family.

A Virginia High School (VHS) student who we'll call Kathleen comes from a broken family. Maybe we can't even call it broken as it never really existed. Kathleen was born into an alcohol-fueled environment and has never known her father. Shortly after we met Kathleen two years ago, her mother met a new boyfriend and moved out-of-state. She left Kathleen behind to finish her high school years and she has survived here thanks to the kindness of friends that let her stay with them. Kathleen has done well in school, especially given her circumstances and is set to graduate this year. About a year ago Kathleen accepted Jesus as her savior at a YFC event. Since that time, we've been with Kathleen through ups and downs in her attempts to establish her Christian faith.

Recently I attended a VHS band concert with Stacey, a YFC volunteer, to see a Campus Life student, Kathleen, perform. It was clear why Kathleen talked so proudly of band! She has talent. Afterwards, we congratulated her but it was clear something was troubling her. She said, "I'm tired and just need to go home." She cut our conversation short and quickly walked towards the doors. It was clear why she was feeling down. After VHS band concerts, it is a sort of tradition that families go out for dessert at a restaurant like Village Inn but she didn't have a family near. I told Stacey, "We can't just let her go home like that!" After being intercepted by a few other students and

teachers, we quickly called Kathleen. She answered the phone in an instant, as if she knew we would call. I asked her, "Kathleen, would you like to go to Village Inn with Stacey and I?" Her tone of voice completely changed from downcast to happy as she replied, "ABSOLUTELY!"

At the restaurant it hit me so clearly that this is exactly what a YFC ministry staffer's calling is - to be God's love in very real terms. That night we were able to begin demonstrating God's family to Kathleen - a teen that has absolutely no idea what family means.

Kathleen's story is far from over and I am truly blessed to be a part of it. Thank you for supporting this local ministry that enables me to do this eternally-focused work.

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MISSION

Mesabi Range Youth for Christ 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 prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

FIRST QUARTER 2014

Executive Director Search

This past July, our Executive Director Erick Hermanson left Mesabi Range YFC for an opportunity to lead Duluth's YFC program. Since his departure, the board of directors and the ministry staff (Jeff and Matt) have been busy continuing the ministry programs that Erick had developed. We have been so blessed to see continued growth of our existing ministries! However, we do need a leader and are continuing our search for our next Executive Director. Please pray for us in this search. The ministry of Mesabi Range YFC is at a definitive turning point and we feel led to find an Executive Director that shares our vision of expansion to reaching all fifteen area high schools through adding full-time staff, expanding programming, and growing the involvement of His local church in our ministry.



Matt Update

This past July we were blessed with the opportunity to add Matt Socha to our ministry staff. At only 25 years-old, Matt has an amazingly solid faith in Jesus Christ and yet still has the wonderful ability of relating to today's teens. Matt has been busy leading our Quad-Cities Campus Life program that is located in Virginia. He is also coordinating our Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) at the Kid's Peace Buhl Academy and provides guidance to Amplify Student Ministries in Hibbing. Matt's main focus is on relational ministry with area high school students. Matt requests your ongoing prayers as he constantly is working with teens that need to understand and embrace the love of their heavenly Father. If you'd like to join his prayer team, please email him at matt@mesabirangeyfc.org.

Memorials

During the months between July 2013 and February 2014, we received donations in memory of:

- **Dr. Richard Barnes**
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- **Jim Truman**



Prayer Requests

- Blessing on students and staff going on YFC Project Serve Missions trip to Northern Ireland in July 2014
- Our search for a new Executive Director
- Teens: "K" is a new Christian and is struggling with rejection. "A" and "P" need freedom from drugs and bad influences through Jesus. Pray that "B" has an open heart to receiving Christ.
- Wisdom for YFC Board of Directors
- Additional adult volunteers

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Check out our upcoming events at mesabirangeyfc.org

Ministry Update E-mail

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