

Hola Amigos!

In early February, I spent a week lying on a hot, white, sandy beach on a resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. I was enjoying spending time with my wife, Elisa, on our honeymoon trip (a gift from her parents)! We did a lot of laying on the beach and by the pool, eating gourmet food and catching up on much needed sleep. We went on a tour where I was privileged to drive a Fun Buggy. A Fun Buggy looks like a four person go-cart and weighs about 100 pounds. It was a 12 hour journey through jungles, caves, little villages and the big city. We went horseback riding and ate with the local village people. It was the most amazing honeymoon anyone could ask for.

It was hard to come “back to reality” and the busyness of new ministry opportunities, but I did!

Before we left, I had approached Heritage Park Secondary School to see if they would allow me to volunteer, as a Youth For Christ worker, to assist with any programs. They loved the idea and asked me to start by running a lunch hour hockey program. The first hockey lunch hour game was on March 13. Plans are in the works of developing one or two other extra-curricular program(s) for the students either in the arts or Internet computer graphic design. I have also been given permission to participate in and assist with the leadership in a small group of Christian students who meet on their own during lunch to pray and do a bible study. These are awesome opportunities and I'm excited with the development.

I love hanging out with the students and already, some of them have been talking about some pretty cool ideas to unite the believers in the school so that greater relationships, support and encouragement can happen. I love the boldness that these students have to pray and crack open their bible in the middle of the hallway! I feel privileged to be able to join in and add resources to expand and encourage what they're already doing.

For the last six months, Elisa has felt the Lord leading her to start a Bible study for the youth. Our first gathering was February 27th and we had over 12 youth that we know from church, Station X and other places that we're in contact with youth. We meet every Tuesday night at our home. The youth are willing to go deeper with us and have many questions.

Recently, there was a youth rally in Mission to bring awareness to the child soldier issue in Northern Uganda. Out of that rally sprung up a group of teens who are now working together to fund raise and bring further awareness to these tragic issues. I'm designing a t-shirt that will be sold as a fund raiser. I am also going to be involved in helping the teens spread the message through the high schools in town and



Our honeymoon on the beach.



Calvin, the proud driver of a Fun Buggy.

coordinate further meetings in the schools to raise awareness.

During the last two months there has been a big focus in Greater Vancouver Youth For Christ on strategic planning for the next three years. I have been quite involved in this for the Mission Chapter and have also been putting special effort into strategic planning and goal setting for the ministries I'm involved in. This of course is an essential part of ministry and I know the Lord is leading my plans.

My ministry is not affective without your prayers. Please pray for the following:

-Wisdom for me when I am counseling the youth in subjects such as abstaining from alcohol, getting friends to beat up enemies, child/parent conflicts, and straight up telling kids that they're loved by their creator.

-That the youth start to know who Jesus is and on a deeper level.

-Pray for the new hockey program to run smoothly at Heritage Park Secondary School.

-Pray for a female leader at Station X.

-A mother of 12 we know has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has had a double mastectomy and will be entering chemotherapy treatment at the end of the month. One of her daughters has been a youth of ours for three years. Please pray for the family.

Can you feel my excitement? Want to get in on it?

Call or email me. Coffee is on me.

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Youth For Christ / Youth Unlimited

Who are we?

We are a cutting-edge, youth organization dedicated to transforming the lives of teens throughout Greater Vancouver and beyond.

Why Are We Here?

We are after nothing less than a revolution in the lives of young people. We want to help teens *believe* God's promises, so they can *see* their world more clearly through the eyes of faith. And to believe it, they need to see it in action through genuine relationships. In short, *believing is seeing*.

Who Needs Us?

We work with teens from every background. People call some of them "Kids at risk." We call them all "kids of promise" - teens who are full of the potential to make great choices and achieve great things through Christ.



During a spiritual talk at Station X.



Some of the gang at Station X.