

2007 IN REVIEW



A girl at Station X helping light candles for our "Indoor Bonfire" talk. That night we shared stories around the "fire" about God.



Sitting around in one of our circle discussion at Station X. These often bring out deep questions about life and God.

"i now believe in god. not like other christians who are just being religious and all those rules. BUT i believe in jesus and god now, you've helped me figure it out."

"Station X is my family."

"We should talk about family issues. Most people have messed up families and we can talk about it and learn about how God can help us deal with it better. And how we can help each other in it."

"WHEN I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL I HATED IT WHEN EVERYONE WOULD SAY, 'I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE AND YOU DIDN'T DIE!' I WAS IN SO MUCH PAIN AND HATED BEING STUCK IN THE BED THAT I WISHED I WERE DEAD."

"I'm the kind of guy who needs to see something with my eyes before I believe it. So I don't know, I can't see God. I guess I need to have more proof."

A major theme for me in 2007 was how to communicate the good news of Jesus to a demographic of youth who have a negative concept of God. Studies indicate that only 16% of non-Christian youth and young adults have a "good impression" of Christianity. Methods that were used 20 years ago are usually irrelevant to society now because society's perception has changed so drastically. When you boil it all down, this message is best conveyed by actions of love rather than convincing arguments. As time goes on, I find myself focusing more and more on getting to know a youth one-on-one and then watching as God touches the youth in different ways as we share more of life together. I'll be building on these relationships and pursuing more of them in 2008.

My goals for 2008 include:

- Build on a relationship with a youth who loves paintball. He is missing a positive male role model in his life.
- Draw more youth to the after school dropin
- Resume the lunch hour floor hockey program at Heritage Park Secondary School
- Fundraise for 25 hours of direct youth ministry
- Work together with a teen to promote ethical consumer choices amongst churches in the area. This is a ground-breaking method of showing love and justice to the Third World and combating greed amongst our culture.

Prayer Requests

- A guy has symptoms of Marfans syndrome, which is a connective tissue disorder. It is causing complications with his heart. Please pray for healing.
- 2 guys who are waning in their faith and devotion to living for Christ. Frustrations are breaking down their beliefs.
- A guy who is on the path towards real faith in Christ, but wants "proof."
- A guy and girl who are in a long-time relationship. Teen romance is tough and there are many temptations. Pray for them to seek living for Jesus together and include Him in their relationship.
- A young guy is dealing with the "loss" of his dad and is dealing with depression, bitterness and anger.

Here is a personal prayer request for me. I feel privileged to be able to devote much of my life and time to ministry with youth. It's a strong conviction in my heart to be able to devote more time to this. My dream is to be a full-time youth worker. Please pray that the donations to my Youth Unlimited account will increase to accomodate this. If you know of any people you are connected with who would like to be a part of this ministry in different ways, either financially or otherwise, please let me know or pass this information along.

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