



President's Letter

Dear Friends,

As a former airline employee, I remember the efforts our baggage handlers made to not lose luggage. Now, I work with a small army of workers who strive not to lose one teenager to the ever-present threat of spiritual starvation. The real spiritual food is familiar to them: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, but they find little of this in their peer relationships. Jesus saw this kind of hunger in a community and named them "sheep without a shepherd". He had a compassion for them that moved him to tears ... and then to action.

This compassion must be the fire in our hearts to do this work. It must give us urgency. It must cause us to change our plans; to overcome obstacles; to try new things; to get much better at what we do; to pray; to draw others in; to go without sleep; to go to new places; to find ways to reach different kids; to boldly ask for resources. All of this because high school and junior high kids are starving; right now; today. Sometimes this deep compassion leads us to great joy and other times it heightens our stress.

Jesus' compassion never abated because of the challenges that accompanied it. This was something he worked hard to leave with His disciples: The mystery of His supply when there is a need to do this work borne of His compassion for the lost.

In Christ,
Mike O'Leary



"I don't believe in God but I like what you do for guys like us."

- Skatelite Participant

SUMMER 2016

Mission News TO KNOW AND PRAY ABOUT

- 120 golfers raised over \$100,000 at Glen Abbey in Oakville in early May to help send our goal of 230 Ontario teens to Saranac this summer. Speaking of Saranac, 70 leaders, alumni and committee were there for a recent work weekend and we held our largest ever ball hockey tournament (image below) near Oakville earlier this spring.
- Our first year RTD (Recruit, Train & Deploy) Staff Associates are well on their way and hiring has begun on our second intake to reach our goal of thirty for the program.
- 14 team leaders supervise Skatelite clubs in communities across the country – pray for wisdom, strength and confidence as they lead leaders.
- Over 1,000 guests attended Lower Mainland banquets earlier this spring and donated over \$265,000 to fund growing work in our Coastal Region.
- We recently broke ground on a new club building at RockRidge Canyon that will be ready for a grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 - mark your calendars!



OAKVILLE BALL HOCKEY 2016



RTD Staff Associate Profile: **Leslie Flett, Edmonton, AB**

I first experienced Young Life when I was in grade 8 and a volunteer leader named Emily invited me to a 'build your own mini golf hole' event and I have been involved with the mission ever since! At Young Life, we care about teens and want them to experience Jesus' love for them in real ways. It is a privilege and joy to develop deep friendships with teens in East Edmonton and share with them what was given to me when I was a teenager. I am overwhelmed with happiness when I see the first teens I cared for, who are now adults, loving new teens in the community. My dream is for every teen to have a Young Life leader in their lives!



GREAT JOY...

On Sunday I had the honor of baptizing two of my Young Life girls. I have never felt so full of joy and I have also never felt so humbled.

Just five years ago I hated myself. I was ashamed of who I was and thought that there was no purpose to my existence. I was nothing and felt nothing and wanted nothing more than to be dead and gone – then I was introduced to a thing called Young Life and this cool girl named Hope. At YL I met people who valued me and cared for me in a way I'd never experienced before. During the summer of my grade 12 year, I heard about this guy named Jesus who promised to completely transform me and the way I thought about life. I made a commitment to follow Him that summer and boy did He deliver on that promise.

Today He still delivers on that promise to me every day and I have the opportunity to do life with teenage girls... to show them that they are worthy of the greatest love of all; that I can be living proof of that redemptive and powerful Love – it is overwhelming and a great honor – I have a purpose and am treasured by the God of the universe.

- Rebecca, Volunteer Leader, Surrey, BC

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RRC CLUB TALK



SNIP & SAVE PRAYER CALENDAR

Join us in praying for the roughly 2,000 teens and leaders who'll go to camp this summer:

ROCKRIDGE CANYON

SENIOR HIGH CAMPS:

July 4-10, 11-17, 18-24, 25-31

FAMILY CAMP:

August 2-7

WYLDLIFE CAMPS:

August 8-13, 14-19, 20-25

MORE CAMPS

SKATELIFE ROADRAGE:

August 1-7 (West), August 9-15 (East)

CAPERNAUM DAY CAMP:

August 27

SARANAC:

August 19-25

TIMBER WOLF LAKE:

August 4-8

