

Dear friends and family,

November, 2024

Christmas is just around the corner, and what a year 2024 has been! Family life has been really good. Jess is still working at Ponoka Centennial, living in Edmonton, and has a boyfriend (Kyle). Levi is living at home and working hard at Prentiss to pay off student loans and then move out in the new year. Les is with Koch Fuels and is enjoying his job and meeting new people. This summer Les and I had the honor of celebrating Les's uncle's 100th birthday in Glendon. I was able to go to Manitoba for a week to help my brother and spend some time with my mom and sister. In September we were all, except Kyle, able to spend a weekend camping and had a wonderful time (minus the wasps!). It was perfect paddle boarding weather during the day and cooled off nicely to have fires in the evening. I did my first Hike for Hope and friends helped raise \$2700 for my support.



My work with Central Alberta Youth Unlimited is going well.

When I think of what I do, a wagon wheel image comes to mind. **The Hub** represents the Admin Team (9 of us). **The Spokes** represent each of the 47 different staff. **The Rim** represents the many supporters that empower the staff to be a committed presence in each town or city. *Through each part we play, we are all honored to be part of connecting an abundance of students and young families with the hope and wholeness that Jesus brings.*

My desk at **the Hub** is a "catch all" desk. I am often the first person people come in contact with as they enter the building, and I direct calls and questions to the right people. My favorite part is spending time with staff as I teach them how to submit their expenses, track

donations that come in for them, and support the staff around me!

I once thought that what I do wasn't as important as what the "hands on" staff do. However, as I talk with the staff, they reassure me that they are only able to do their work because of the work that the *Admin Team* does "behind the scenes" at the hub. Now when I hear about the amazing testimonies that are happening all around me, I feel like they are part of my story, and our story with Youth Unlimited! Here is a testimony that came my way...

"This Tuesday, we had a young girl message our insta page to ask if she could come to Life360. Her Instagram name was something inappropriate. We picked her up and she was such a sweet young grade 12 lady. After our lesson about the Bible, how we can trust it, how it's God's actual Word and love letter to us, we went into small groups. I asked her if she had a Bible, and she didn't! So, I got to give her a brand-new Bible and she said she was really looking forward to reading it. I showed her the psalms because she likes poetry and bookmarked John. So wild that our first impression of kids, even their Instagram names, can be so wrong... How cool is it that we get to give out Bibles to youth who have never had them before, who didn't know that God literally wrote a book TO THEM, from HIM!? We have been giving out Bibles like crazy ... and our youth are so hungry for truth and wisdom."

It is so cool to see what is happening around Youth Unlimited these days!

As most of you know, my position with Youth Unlimited is a fundraised position. **As of October, I am 87% funded!** 😊

Would you pray and ask God if you are to be a part of my ministry team with either a monthly donation or one time gift? Please respond using the enclosed donation form and reply envelope, by scanning the QR code, or you can give online at cayu.ca/give/staff and select my name in the drop down menu.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season filled with sensing God's presence all around you!

Best wishes,



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