

Winter 2024

Dear friends and family,

Timber Coffee is such a special place in these two communities. Loved by youth, teachers, families, and every person who comes through. It is a privilege getting to help support our 20 staff members and helping as they grow relationships, the environment, and connecting with the community. It has also been a season of growing and learning for me as I've immersed myself in how to support the staff and manage these locations with all the intricacies that arise as they engage with young people and the customers that come through our doors. Nothing brings me joy like seeing a full lunch rush of young people from the local high school come and belong in our space. Since my last update, we have made some changes so that I can better support our leads in each store and bring more oversight to Timber as a whole. We have also had four of our team members take on part time roles in youth engagement outside of Timber—which is worth celebrating! This overlap is what leads to youth like Cayman sharing their story at our Golf fundraiser this past June saying that “Timber feels like home. It’s honestly the only way I’d describe Timber”. What a great way for Timber’s ministry to intersect with youth and invite them into support and programs to get involved in.

As I’m sitting down to write this, we are just welcoming our first snowfall of the year! The kids are happily excited about it, and Kirstie and I are finding ourselves having to properly prepare for a winter for the first time ever. We are doing pretty well with all the adjustments that come with a new community. Brooklyn has started into Kindergarten and taken every person she comes across by storm, and Roland is settling into Grade 2 and spending almost all of his free time writing and drawing books for our nightly reading.

As we are settling in this season, for those of you who have asked how to help, I am looking to raise \$24,000 this Christmas season (or \$2000 monthly) to help me in leading our Timber staff and volunteers. **If you would like to partner in bringing hope and wholeness to the youth and communities of Timber Coffee you can donate a one-time financial gift to my ministry this end of year through phone or online.** Alternatively, you can scan the following QR code or visit [cayu.ca/give](https://cayu.ca/give) and find my name in the drop-down menu. Thank you so much for your partnership and all your support over the years; it truly means so much to us.

Thank you again; I think and pray for you all often.

With love,

**Jon Pue**  
Timber Coffee Co.

