

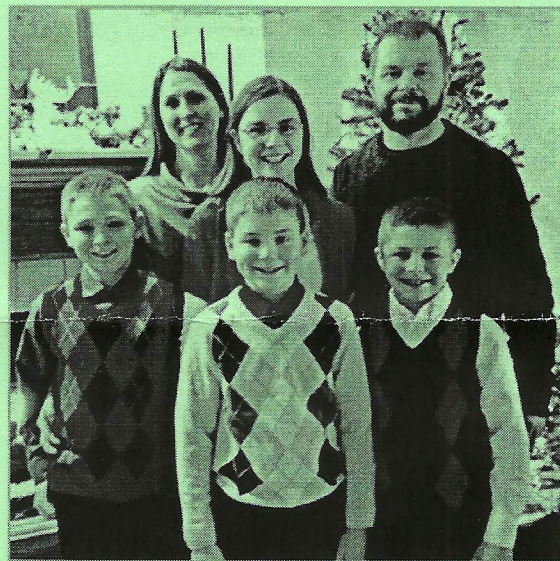


January 1, 2014

GREAT LAKES BAY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Dear Friends & Family,

The year was 2014 and every single school in the Great Lakes Bay region has a Campus Life Director with a vibrant and active Campus Life Club. 35,000 students have had the gospel of Jesus Christ presented to them. There are 3,500 volunteers giving their time so we can keep our volunteer ratio at 1 adult for every 10 students. Saginaw has a City Life program that is reaching out to families in Saginaw County providing G.E.D tutoring, feeding and clothing those who have been impacted by our economic downturn. Our JJM ministry at the Juvenile home in Saginaw has to daily turn away people who are looking to volunteer at the Juvenile home, because we have so many volunteers already. Kids are beginning their relationships with Jesus ALL over the Great Lakes Bay region. Violent crime is at an all time low, gangs have moved to other areas because it is impossible to recruit all of the new Jesus followers to join their gangs. Campus Life kids have a place to meet not only on Monday's but every day of the week at our community center that is staffed by adults who want to love kids just like Jesus loves us. The youth programs at all of our local churches are literally BURSTING at the seams as all of the students get saved. Our 3,500 volunteers are getting students plugged in at the local church. The year was 2014 and Great Lakes Bay YFC has closed its doors because the work is done. Jon! Jon! Jon! Wake up, it's New Years day, time to go get gas in the church van, tomorrow we take a bunch of kids to the Soaring Eagle Water Park.



HARTWICK FAMILY ~ CHRISTMAS 2013

So by now you figured out that is my vision for Great Lakes Bay YFC. All of this is not going to happen this year, but how can we get closer? Allie Steele will be flying out to Denver, CO for Institute. This is training that teaches her how to be a Campus Life Director. Heather and I will be going to Midwinter this year. Midwinter is a National YFC conference that is in Chicago this year so we will be able to drive there. Then in the spring of this year I will be going to Denver as well to start Executive Director University. All of this is exciting stuff for us because it will make us better prepared as a staff team at GLBYFC, my wife always says, "Life favors the prepared." Unfortunately all of this costs money. Unfortunately EVERYTHING costs money. At GLBYFC we always like to see all of the end of year giving that comes in and every little bit helps. Then there is January and February, historically giving comes to a staggering halt. It seems everyone is paying off Christmas debt, which is understandable. Unfortunately our expenses don't come to a halt in January and February. Please continue to send in your generous gifts the next couple of months. I would love to see how God uses you to break this historic trend of lack of finances at the start of the year.

You are getting this letter about the time everyone is going back to school. We will have just returned from the Soaring Eagle Water Park with a bunch of students. We just had our annual staff and volunteer Christmas party. The Hartwicks might be eating cheesy potatoes for the next month! We had a pretty good turnout and it was neat to hear all of the kid stories that were shared by our volunteers. Kids' lives are being changed one by one because of you. Your financial support and prayer support makes this the amazing organization what it is. I am excited for 2014! I am excited to see how God will bless you so you can continue to be a blessing to GLBYFC. Thank you so much for everything you do!

God Bless,

Jon