

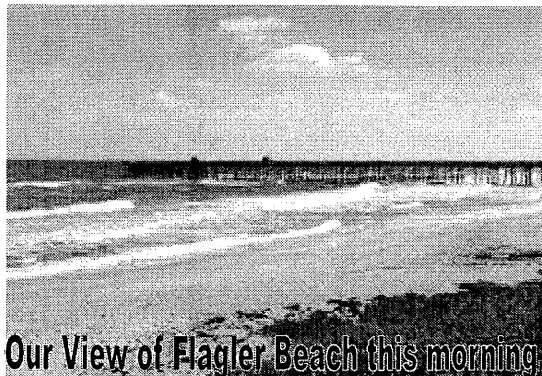


**GREAT LAKES BAY
YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

April 1, 2013

Dear Friends of GLBYFC,

As you read this we'll be driving over mountains and all the way up I-75 from Florida. As I write this we are 1 day in and we are already starting to see God work in the teen's hearts and minds. In just our brief small group time tonight the students already opened up about struggles they face with their families and a desire they have more real, peaceful relationships within their families. Some shared how their families ignore God. They look at the "drama" with which their families struggle and see a need for God's peace all around them. They grow more and more frustrated with adults in their lives making poor choices enveloping them in situations they should not have to handle. These teens are young but they're learning there is a better way than to simply pursue your next desire that float by as a whim. They long for deep, meaningful, stable relationships and are finding them with staff and each other.



Our View of Flagler Beach this morning

Each of these teens is at a different place in his/her relationship with Christ as of today, by the time you read this, they will have grown closer to Him. They will have had several conversations with staff and each other about how to better follow Jesus. We're talking breakthroughs here! Some need to take their faith seriously for the first time, some just need to surrender to Him, and some just need to rest in His arms. Please pray for them, our staff and ultimately that as they grow in Christ, they impact their families with Christ's love the best they can.

You can also pray for YFC as a whole and the teens we left behind in the Tri-cities. Many of them need to be down here for the week too. Not surprisingly, cash seems to be the limiting factor to most of our students. We can change that, let's start a trip scholarship fund right now. We have our own financial needs facing the always slow giving winter months, but as you help us attack that also pray if there is something extra you can do to provide for students who might not be able to fund a trip on their own. Yes, we do fundraisers and one of our girls paid for her whole trip selling Hungry Howies discount cards, but we can do more to help them escape the everyday that surround them and the opportunity to take a deep breath and experience Jesus in a real way.

Again, thank you for all you do to make reaching teens faced with real needs and not much of a connection to the church, if any, with Christ's love. Together we are making a difference for Jesus. Keep it up!!

Following Jesus too,

C. Matt Coppess

Executive Director Great Lakes Bay Youth For Christ

Our Bay City Crew at the Beach!

