

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

THE VOICE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
 Cape Henlopen, DE
 June 23-28

HEATWAVE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
 Wildwood, NJ
 June 28-July 2

PROJECT SERVE
BALTIMORE CITY MISSIONS WEEK
 July 6-10

YFC HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
 Northbay in Northeast, MD
 July 12-18

YFC MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
 Northbay in Northeast, MD
 July 19-23

CROSSROADS MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
 Cape Henlopen, DE
 August 14-19

2015 GOLF CHALLENGE
 Compass Pointe
 October 6
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSIONS TRIP/PLAYGROUND PROJECT
 October 26 - November 2

ALIVE 2015 "MIXED UP" MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE
 Ocean City, MD
 November 20-22



Spring 2015

ONE LIFE CHANGED TODAY ... HUNDREDS TOMORROW

by Stephen Kaiss

Four different teens – Taylor, Shane, Liam and Megan. Four different lives.

Each of these young people bravely shared their story at this year's Annual Fundraising Dinner on May 12 at Martin's West.

Each shared the struggles life presented them with – abuse, drugs, broken families, suicide – and though their stories were different, their conclusions were all the same...

I don't know where my life would be today if it were not for God working through the ministry of Youth for Christ.

In addition to these incredible testimonies, the evening was filled with inspirational music by award-winning artist Francesca Battistelli, video vignettes highlighting the work of YFC and a riveting message from keynote speaker Kevin Sorbo, acclaimed actor and star of recent film God's Not Dead.

Kevin told his story of personal health struggles including several strokes at the height of his career and how it drove him to deeper faith and reliance on God. Everyone was moved by his humble, yet powerful words.

I shared how critical this time was for reaching the youth of Baltimore City and the surrounding counties, challenging guests to join the work of MMYFC by praying and becoming a monthly financial partner. After 35 years in youth ministry, I shared a truth I've discovered – one life changed today can affect hundreds of lives tomorrow!

The meal, music and message were all excellent but the highlight had to be Taylor, Shane, Liam and Megan! Four young lives representing what YFC is all about – bringing the life-changing message of Jesus to young people everywhere.



Keynote Kevin Sorbo



Musical Guest
 Francesca Battistelli

GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY™

RACHEL MRAZ HEARING THE CALL

I am one of the newest members of the MMYFC family, proudly heading up the newly founded "Deaf Teen Quest" ministry.

I have a rare hearing/brain condition called CAP-D, and as a result, I was introduced to sign language many years ago. It came very easy to me and was something I enjoyed. Taking additional sign classes in college caused me to love it even more and it was at that time I knew I wanted to be a missionary and somehow pair it with sign language.



Rachel signing at recent Fundraising Dinner

Over the past year, I met with Stephen Kaiss and MMYFC staff, and after much prayer began a journey toward full-time status. I have seen God work in so many ways to make this possible and am convinced it's His will for me to serve with YFC.

This summer, I will be involved in intensive training for several months, based in Louisville, Kentucky. Classes are aimed at helping us understand the deaf culture and ministry. It will also include visiting surrounding states, serving at deaf camps associated with Deaf Teen Quest. It will be challenging but I'm very excited about all God will accomplish through this time away.

When I return to Maryland, the volunteer team I've assembled locally will visit deaf schools, attend deaf events and make connections wherever possible, to build relationships with deaf teens, building a foundation for ministry in the area.

I'm so thankful for this opportunity to reach the deaf population with Christ's love and the same life-changing message YFC reaches all young people with.

OUR MISSION YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other likeminded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MMYFC GO TO WWW.MMYFC.ORG

MARVIN JONES SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR ALL

Hurt, anger and frustration resulted in violent and peaceful protests recently witnessed in Baltimore City. Images of a broken and hurting minority population were seen around the world, as events unfolded.



An evangelism partner and I set up a Cross in one of the busiest scenes of unrest, to pray for peace and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What I found most disheartening throughout the week-long protest, was the lack of the Church preaching God's love for ALL people.

True justice can't be legislated. It can only be obtained through the faithful proclamation of the hope that lies in Jesus Christ. As a Christian, I'm mindful that my first and foremost allegiance is to my Lord and Savior and His purpose for a lost and dying world.



Social unrest will come and go in a fallen society but love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance through Jesus Christ will endure until the end. Let's be busy about the Father's business, while promoting justice and peace for ALL people.

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THERESA TIBBELS A RICH GENERATIONAL HISTORY

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."
~C.S.Lewis~



Leaving my full-time teaching job was by no means easy. I wrestled with God for months, taking into account all that was invested in my teaching career and the journey that would unfold, depending on what door I walked through.

People told me over and over that I should just do the ministry thing "on the side." However, there was an urgency within my soul, to pursue ministry full-time instead of "in my spare time."



I am overwhelmingly thankful to be able to say that I can now dedicate all of my time and energy to spreading the love and message of the gospel, through the ministries of YFC.

Ministries like **College Campus Life**, **Project Serve** and **City Life** will be my focus. I'm thankful to be showing Jesus' love by building relationships with college age students, with children internationally in the Dominican Republic, and within my hometown of Baltimore City, launching new clubs.

I reflect on my rich generational history of Youth for Christ, that is so much a part of my story. Raised within a community of leaders who strive to get the message of Jesus Christ to every young person, I also see the fingerprints my own family has left before me, and the legacy I'm privileged to carry on.



JAKE HELMS OUR NEW ROMANIAN FAMILY



Several months ago, our Project Serve Director Mark Miller, challenged MMYFC to consider supporting one of our YFC International ministries. After prayerfully considering a number of nations to choose from, we decided to partner with YFC in Romania.

I agreed to be the point of contact for MMYFC and since then, have been corresponding with a married couple, Sorin and Mihaela Mihalache, who were absolutely thrilled when they heard we wanted to support their efforts. The initial response from them was filled with awe at God's amazing provision. It read:

"As I sat down with (Sorin) a few weeks ago trying to find a way to raise funds for him, he told me he didn't know too many people, and who was he to ask to support him? I'm glad the first donation is coming from so far away, to remind us that when God wants to provide, he can touch people anywhere in the world, even far away to have His will done."

We are the body of Christ, here and around the world. Through the local, national and international reach of YFC, lives are being changed through the powerful message of Jesus Christ. Please join us in praying for Sorin and Mihaela Mihalache, our new Romanian family members, and their journey into full-time ministry (YFC Bratasanca). We are excited to see what God will do through them in the days ahead.