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## "Hello, Hello" "Hello, Hello..."

I answered the phone Monday night and we started our usual phone ritual. "Hello." "Hello." "Hello." "Hello." Back and forth we went. Sometimes we then identify ourselves by saying each other's name backwards. "Hi Ffej!" "Hi Mit!" But this time, "Mit" went right to the point.

"I did it!" "Huh?" "I did it!" After the third "I did it", I realized what he meant. This grade nine student has worked very hard over the past year to develop his talent on the guitar and has written a number of songs. He would often show me his songs, telling me how his goal was that these songs would reach his pre-Christian friends. His songs dealt a lot with teen emotions and trials, always leaving the listener with some measure of hope. The Christian message could be seen if you read between the lines.



A month ago, I challenged "Mit" to try something. I have always thought it was so neat to be able to take a passage of Scripture or a biblical principle, and express it in such a way that pre-Christians can understand, and yet not know that they were listening to scripture. I encouraged "Mit" to find a scripture that spoke to him and see if he could work it into a song so that its message was unmistakable, yet the hearer would not realize she was hearing scripture.

He phoned me Monday to say he had taken the passage in James 2 about accepting the rich and rejecting the poor in your assembly, and turned it into a song. He said he was very happy with how it turned out, and had put his usual hard rock edge to the song!

Making the biblical message understandable to those who have never heard, without changing the message itself... Presenting Scriptural truths to people without them even realizing it, and allowing the Holy Spirit to take it from there... May we all, like "Mit", accept the challenge and touch the world around us with God's Word.

Jeff - Port Hope

### Coming up in Port Hope

**April 18**, Annual Dessert Banquet @ Port Hope United Church  
for The Outback Youth Centre - 7:00pm

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## "Don't you mean to say that Jesus loves me?"

"Katy" was bored. She didn't go to school today, or rather, her school day lasted about 5 minutes before she was suspended for the day, again. So at lunchtime at the Beacon she was very early, arriving at the same time as the high school crowd.

She wasn't wearing much more than a sweater, though it was windy and cold. She said she was waiting for her friend to meet her, and since the centre was quieter than usual, I was half paying attention to her and half playing pool with some of the guys. Her friend finally arrived with a few other grade 7/8s, and we teased each other as we snacked on some peanut butter and crackers. Katy has not been eating much, and says she isn't hungry a lot these last few months. I wonder a little whether she's trying to lose weight. Seeing her eat something with us made me feel a little better.

She was the last one to leave as I closed up the Beacon, and I walked with her around the corner of the building, trying to find something encouraging to say to her. She asked whether I would be there again this evening, and I assured her that I would.

Tonight she was just as bored, though several other girls her age diverted her attention into laughter and silly talk. I had to send some of them outside for bad language for a couple minutes and a few of them, including Katy, kept refusing to leave at the end of the night. As I finally got them out the door, Katy was again the last to walk away, and I called out to her "We love you, go home!" which has become a standard joke. As she disappeared down the sidewalk, she called back her favourite retort: "I don't love YOU", and then one more thing: "**Don't you mean to say that Jesus loves me?**" I almost didn't hear it, but I did, and it stopped me for a moment.



I think something's getting through. Or hopefully Someone.

Andrew - The Beacon, in Brighton

PS - Please pray for "Katy", she needs to believe she is loved.

### Coming up in Brighton

**March 17** - Thank you dinner for Volunteers of The Beacon @ Dougall's (5:30pm).

**April 5th** - The Men Are Cooking!!, fundraising dinner for The Beacon, Fellowship CRC, Brighton, 6:30pm.

## THE ART OF CONNECTING

As I sit to write this, it is the beginning of my home church's, Missions Conference, a week long event that features missions and missionaries from around the world. As one of the featured missionaries it promises to be a busy week but also one of great encouragement for me.



I will be presenting a workshop on my ministry with NYFC....so I thought I'd share just a little of it with you.....

I've spoken often about "the Silverworks gang" and their struggles with listening. So our God Talk Times are literally that...times we talk to God about the people and situations that the youth ask prayer for. At first it was very slow as we waited for them to suggest prayer requests but in the last 3 or 4 weeks teens have been coming to me and saying...."Chris, we need to pray about this tonight....." And last night....the list of prayer requests was the longest we've had yet, all of them serious and legitimate prayer requests. The teens were quiet while I prayed, only breaking in to remind me of a prayer request that I had missed.

Our volunteers and I spend the evening interacting with teens over pool, ping pong, or video games. We ask them about their week, situations at home or school, their likes or dislikes....we listen ...and interject with fragments of our story. And as God is connected to our story, He comes into our stories, and out in our stories, about family and church, etc.

It is our prayer that the teens see Jesus in each one of us, that they come to recognize a God who desires a relationship with each one of them because He cares for them. That is why it is so cool to hear these teens voicing their desire to share their concerns with God through prayer.

Next week, we hope to be able to show them some of the ways that God answers prayers. Two of our volunteers who have been struggling with health issues have promised to visit the centre next week and share how God has been taking care of them! More connections! An opportunity to thank God for hearing our prayers! A deepening of the understanding that God does care and listen!

This is what I will strive to share with the people of my church....how the art of connecting is all about caring enough to listen, caring enough to share, and caring enough to introduce them to the One who does all of this much better than we do.

Thanks for your part in this ministry. Your prayers are powerful on behalf of the teens, our volunteers and staff. Thank you and God Bless each of you.

Christine Moss, Cobourg Staff



**COMING SOON TO THE SILVERWORKS - THE AMAZING RACE!.....watch for it.**

**"...And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:12-13**

January and February have been pretty straightforward in many ways. I am reminded of Elijah, when after a time of impressive events, he ran to the mountain top. There, he experienced windstorms, firestorms and earthquakes. After each event, the text reads, "...and the Lord was not in the (wind/fire/earthquake)" However, after the fire, came a time of stillness, a "gentle whisper", and from that whisper, God spoke to Elijah.

We are in a time of calm right now, nothing dramatic is happening (that I know of) and some might think that things have slowed down. The financial slump of the "new year" has begun, which we expect, but I see these moments as times of incubation. Like with the approach of Spring or in the gentle whisper, God is still at work, speaking, nurturing, growing things - often things we cannot see. These times require patience, deep listening, and a commitment to be ready for that moment when God calls you into a new phase of action.

Elijah had looked expectantly into the wind, fire and earthquake, only to hear God in the gentle whisper. It takes energy to hear God in that gentle whisper, (intentional listening is hard work!) - we often prefer to have the firestorm - at least that's easier to experience.

I wonder if it is like those few days when Jesus lay in the tomb. The followers of Jesus crumbled, hid and wept in despair. For them - it was over - the dreams and hopes of victory were dashed, God had seemed to abandon them. What must they do, where must they go?

And then, resurrection day!

As Easter, that celebration of the resurrection approaches, we ask you to continue to walk with us, wait with us and seek God's voice in the quiet of the moment. Continue I pray, to partner with us, so that young people we meet on your behalf and encourage with the good news, might hear it well.

What was that "Katy" said??? **"Don't you mean to say that Jesus loves me?"** Yes "Katy", that's exactly what we mean.

God Bless you as you prepare in your hearts to comprehend the power of the resurrection. God Bless you as you continue to walk with this ministry.

Still walking in His steps,

Daryl Stogryn,  
Executive Director.

**PS - 24 hour prayer update.**

In December we invited you to join us for a 24 hour time of prayer. The next time we invite you to join us for 24 hours of prayer will be from noon April 23 to noon April 24, 2008. Please set aside some time to pray with us from your home or workplace - and let us know what time that will happen. Thanks for being there!



I/We would like to support the ongoing ministry of Youth for Christ through....

Prayer  Financial Partnership

I would like to offer a gift in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_

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Please apply my support to the following mission area(s)

**General Account** \_\_\_ (core funding)  
**Daryl Stogryn, Executive Director** \_\_\_  
**Michele Shutt, Administrator** \_\_\_  
**Christine Moss, Cobourg** \_\_\_  
**Jeff Snow, Port Hope** \_\_\_  
**Sarah Stanford, Doula and Research** \_\_\_  
**Andrew Fortier, East Ministry** \_\_\_  
**The Silverworks Youth Centre, Cobourg** \_\_\_  
**The Beacon Youth Centre, Brighton** \_\_\_  
**The Out Back Youth Centre, Port Hope** \_\_\_

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**Please process my support by:**

Cheque (enclosed),

Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_/\_\_\_ ...or

Pre-Authorized Withdrawals (please send forms)

Make all Cheques payable to **Youth For Christ**  
(Our charitable # is BN13217 7296 RR0001)

My Name and Address are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## The question of the day is.....!!!!

### How are missionary funds received by YFC distributed and used??

Youth For Christ, around the world, is funded through a process called the "Missionary Deputation Model." All missionaries and projects are funded through a "deputation" (presentation) for the purpose of raising funds to cover the costs of related ministry.

All missionaries in YFC are responsible to seek out partners for the ministry to which they are called. They present their ministry and seek support to cover the cost equal to the expense of being a missionary on staff. This includes the cost of salary and basic mandatory expenses. Some are required to raise operational funds as well - such as Executive Directors and Project or area Directors.

This process frees the missionary to dedicate themselves full-time to ministry (which includes partner development). This avoids the need to work at a full or part time job to cover personal expenses, thus forcing them to engage in direct ministry in their "spare time."

Although this model has drawbacks, it's strength comes from the dedication of missionaries who feel called by God to pursue full-time vocational ministry. They trust that God will provide, through His people the resources for ministry, and to survive. **ALL FUNDS RAISED TO SUPPORT AN INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY ARE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ONLY.**

Living this way requires great trust in God and in His people. It also means that some days our missionaries (at all levels) go without paycheques, or with short pays. If a missionary is successful at raising more than required, they are paid up to their prescribed salary level and the balance is held for those short days. If they raise less - well, that means there is nothing to draw from.

Your support - puts a missionary in the field - right here at home!

### Pray with us for:

- **Direction in 2008:**
  - as we seek out new ways to reach youth...
  - as we encourage others to engage in good quality ministry...
- **Finances** - this is the start of the year, and at this time and summer, we feel the most strain in regards to meeting our financial obligations, especially paying our missionaries.
- The missionary staff position we would like to fill for the Silverworks Youth Centre. We would be blessed if God would provide a full time director for that ministry.
- The rebuilding of our ministry in Campbellford, that God would guide and direct us to serve in the best way.
- All YFC missionaries around the world and here at home.

### Praise God With Us:

1. For the volunteers who give of their time so faithfully and who make a huge impact on teens!
  - For the safe return of the team from Ghana and Liberia, and for things learned and service completed.
  - For the growing number of youth involved in our ministry, especially at:
    - The Silverworks
    - The Beacon
    - The Outback
  - For the funds coming in towards the repair of our office roof. (Much more will be needed, but it has started to come through)
  - The youth who are asking questions about God and seriously considering what they hear.
  - Our missionaries, who consistently give their all to this ministry.