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FACT SHEET

YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

Community Facts: We have 66,000 teenagers in Tulare and Kings Counties. (68% Latino, 26% white). Only 3% go to church. Typically, youth in Tulare and Kings Counties have the great needs, but get the least amount of help. We are currently reaching 2367 different kids per year. That is like connecting with one kid per classroom or 2 kids per bus load. We need more volunteers and staff to reach the teens we are missing every year.

Our History: Since 1944, Youth for Christ (YFC) has been communicating the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to young people. Who we are as an organization is wrapped up in our mission of youth evangelism. As far back as the early thirties, youth evangelists had held mammoth rallies in the United States, Canada and England. Then, in the early forties the movement began to snowball. Billy Graham became the first full-time Youth for Christ worker. Graham began to preach and develop rallies around the country.

Since 1964, Tulare-Kings Counties Youth For Christ has been communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to teenagers in the central valley of California, and has been a chartered chapter of Youth For Christ, U.S.A. since 1968. We are governed by a local Board of Trustees, with volunteer area ministry support committees helping and overseeing the ministry in the individual communities. Our desire is to see the youth of the entire twin-county area (there are over 66,000 youth in the region) fully engaged in following Jesus! Currently we are reaching the communities of Visalia, Hanford, Dinuba, Orosi, Sultana, and Lemoore. Porterville, Tulare, and Farmersville are our next target communities of service.

Board of Directors: Richard Sawatzky/ Chair, Frank Miramontes/ Vice Chair / Tres., Jeanette Stambach/ Sec., Steven Strand/ Member, Gary Schnitzler/ Member

Staff & Volunteers: Bruce Smith/ Exec. Dir., Janice Wilson/ Admin. Assist., Manny Castro/ Hanford & Lemoore Ministry Staff, Al Serna/ Dinuba Ministry Director, Darren Reed /Area Director / Project Serve Coordinator, Henry Serrato, Team Success Director Currently, we have 28+ volunteers and growing.

Funding Sources: We are locally funded through caring individuals, churches, service groups, and businesses who want to reach today's teens with hope, love and peace that only God almighty can give.

Ministry Facts: Jan 1, 2009 – September 31, 2009 - 884 Gospel presentations – **89 first time decisions**
Jan. 1 – December 31, 2008 – 788 Gospel presentations – **116 first time decisions**



We currently help students lead 6 campus clubs with a combined attendance of 183 kids per week.

Our 23 School Resource Chaplains currently contact over 565 kids every week. We seek to serve the needs of students and administrative staff members of every campus.



We have just one City Life Youth Center in Dinuba. We currently have 600 teenagers visiting our Youth Center weekly, representing 155 different kids. It is our goal to have a youth center in each community.



Our Project Serve teams have served in Mexico during the 07 and 08 Spring Breaks, and we had a team of four who went to Nicaragua in August 07. Both teams had a marvelous ministry to the local communities. In July 08, we served small local communities helping them with VBS outreaches, and projects. This Spring Break, our Project Serve team went on a San Francisco Plunge serving the homeless and poor in San Francisco.

Wish List (Things we really need and use)

1. New Bibles to give to kids (International Bible Society sells them by the case)
2. Pizzas or Pizza Vouchers for noon time activities with students
3. Cleaning supplies / Paper supplies for our Youth Center
4. Polo shirts for our Chaplains
5. A location to open a Youth Center in Visalia, Hanford, Orosi, Lemoore, and Tulare.
6. General Office Supplies
7. Volunteers – 50 new chaplains throughout Tulare and Kings Counties
8. Pool sticks / Pool balls, window blinds for the Youth Center
9. Copy paper – white or color – 20# or 110# card stock
10. Table Captains for our fundraising breakfast in November 2010