

## YFC/Youth Unlimited of Minto

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"We see the hope and potential in every young person"

Dear friends and family,

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Greetings and a very belated Happy New Year to all of you! My prayer is that 2018 is going well for you.

I'm excited to announce that **Aaron Foell** has begun, as we say, *face-to-face* ministry with youth! He began ministry to/with youth on February 1<sup>st</sup> and has been fitting into both the Harriston drop-in ministry and ministry in *Norwell* (the high school in Palmerston). His support raising has gone so well that he has decided he is able to work ¾ time. In addition to that he has been given a ¼ time position as youth pastor at **White's Road Pentecostal Church** near Harriston. It's so great to be working with you, Aaron!

Another exciting development has been the beginning of programs in the schools of Minto. This has been initiated with the leadership of YFC North Perth staff, which Aaron is starting to be involved as well! The Christian group of youth that meets weekly at Norwell has been named *Abound*. Also, a YFC North Perth staff person is helping out at **Palmerston Public**. Such great things are happening! Please pray for guidance and wisdom as we continue to do ministry in the schools.

And, in other news, we've got gas! What I mean is, at the Deck, the new furnace is now connected to natural gas. I know it's mundane news but it's exciting for us and a significant cost reduction.

In Harriston at **the Deck**, during drop-in, when the youth play *manhunt*, it is a good thing. On the cold nights, I'm trying to convince myself that this is true. On some of the cold nights I'm wishing that we wouldn't have to take turns to be outside to supervise them. But, the thought came to me, they are not on their phones or another device! They are outside! They are interacting! These are things that we like to see in all youth. Sure, they need some supervision to make sure they are not bothering the neighbors, but, it's mostly good. I should add that we had the opportunity to share the true message of Christmas back in December as we also did at the Palmerston drop-in. Please pray for the drop-in ministries.

Speaking of the **Palmerston drop-in**, there is a good core-group of youth developing in this ministry which is also exciting! However, we need another place. The **Norgan** theatre is nice, it's affordable, but it's not completely compatible with the ministry we are trying to do. There are too many hiding places and, frankly, it's too big! Please pray for us as we continue to search for a new venue.

**Credentialing**: In the past 2 years I have been doing several courses and working toward the goal of being credentialed. This is part of the process for all staff of YFC since YFC is considered a *religious order*. My completion interview is on May 17<sup>th</sup>, which, I admit, makes me nervous. There is a lot of work still to be done but the end is in sight. That will probably be a rather hectic time. Please pray that all will go well.

**Health Update**: In the continuing search to determine how serious my heart ailment is, I'm going to see specialists at the Toronto General Hospital for more tests on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that this, too, will go well.

Many great things are happening! Praise God! Thank you so much for your support! My prayer is that you are experiencing God's love, comfort and blessings in the season of Lent and Easter!

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