

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you're doing well and I want to thank you for your extraordinary generosity towards my work with Youth Unlimited. I pray that you will continue to walk in the footsteps of Christ in all areas of your life. I also pray that you will keep safe, healthy and protected during these uncertain times. Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to talk. My phone number is (416)-907-4751 and I am more than happy to meet you over Zoom if you'd like as well.

Without any further ado, allow me to share my experiences from this internship thus far.

LIGHT PATROL

My experience at Light Patrol has been nothing short of a learning experience. It has helped me see the brokenness of the world and understand more how we as Christians need to be light to all those who do not know Christ. It has also helped me learn from those outside of my circle. Reflecting back on my first couple of outreaches, I realized that there is one thing that we, as Christians, long for that those experiencing homelessness often have: community. In the area where we visited (Trinity Bellwoods Park) they always looked out for one another and supported each other. Oftentimes, we treat people who experience homelessness as less worthy than ourselves, but they share stories similar to us and God says that all humans are made in his image. My experience allowed me to see those who are considered outcasts as no different from me. It allowed me to see them as God sees them.

It mattered to them that we came on a weekly basis to build relationships with them. We were also incredibly grateful for the same opportunity, especially as it allowed us to demonstrate our genuine care. One experience I remember vividly is when we spoke with an individual and he opened up about his past experience within the church and how negative it was. He proceeded to say that the staff at Light Patrol are what Christians are supposed to be: loving people who care about building relationships not just on Sunday. This message brought me so much encouragement and really spoke to why I do what I do. I left that conversation speechless with chills and goosebumps, in awe of God and praising Him for all He does. In conclusion, my experience with Light Patrol has been truly eye opening.

A Prayer Request for Light Patrol

- That God will open more doors to working with youth and connecting with youth, and that we will be able to show them the love of Christ.

DOXA - SR. HIGH COHORT

My experience co-leading the Sr. High cohort with Hue Francis not only allowed me to work on my teaching skills but also gave me a much needed opportunity to interact with youth in these uncertain times. It was interesting to me how some of these individuals did not attend our weekly livestream at St. Andrew's where we played games, fellowship and devotional but were willing to come to this cohort.

For context, we have 7 boys who are involved in this cohort and we have been going through a study by Son Life called *Identity*. By the time this newsletter is released we will have completed week 5 of the 6 week study. This study helps them to understand their identity in Christ in a small group setting. I wanted to create an open, honest and engaging atmosphere for the youth and, although we have been doing these sessions online, I believe that they have learned a lot of new things about their identity in Christ.

Below you can find screenshots of our feedback from the youth on what they learned and took from the lessons.

What is something you learned or took away from this lesson? Mentimeter

- God is there to comfort you, and to help you
- I learned that God loves me and cares for me
- God is with us no matter what
- that god is good

What did you learn or take away from our last meeting? Mentimeter

- Reassuring myself that god loves us
- That gods is all powerful and all knowing and all around
- Our identity is apart of Gods
- God's love comes in many different forms
- all lot

Prayer Requests for the Sr. High Cohort

- That as I teach, the Holy Spirit will lead me
- That the lessons I create will be engaging, interactive and thought provoking.
- That God will prepare the youths' heart to receive what I am teaching them and apply it to their lives.

BRIDLETOWNE

There isn't a lot to share yet, about my ministry with Bridletowne, as the majority of the work we are doing now is in preparation for summer camp. I am looking forward to having lots to share with you, in the months ahead, as we plan and run the camp.

A Prayer Request for Bridletowne

- Please pray that God will provide us wisdom, guidance, and discernment as we approach our summer camp. Please pray that God will lead the right youth, families and children to our programs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update letter and I look forward to sharing with you my ministry update letter next month. I want to thank you once again for your generosity towards my journey at Youth Unlimited.

Shalom,
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