

Dear Friends & Family,

I hope you are doing well! I am writing this email to you because I want to update you on my ministry with Youth Unlimited. I want to wish you and your family, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THANK YOU

I wanted to begin off by saying thank you for your endless support of my work with Youth Unlimited. Things have been a bit different due to the pandemic, but your support has not wavered, and because of you I was in the position a couple weeks ago to already begin my ministry outreach work! I am beyond grateful that you decided to join me on this journey. I just wanted to let you know that with your help and support I was able to reach my ministry target fundraising goal for the entire duration of this internship!

MINISTRY UPDATE

As mentioned above, I have already started my ministry work, specifically at Bridletowne Park Church. In January, I'll also begin working with Light Patrol, so I'll have the opportunity to work on two places at once. This is what it'll look like:

1. Bridletowne Park Church is the church where I came to know Christ and the first church I regularly attended. This church is located within a 5 minutes walk within my home. I'll be partnering with this church to start a youth outreach program. I will be praying, planning and implementing a youth program for youth within this church. I will be working with the senior pastor, youth pastor and intern to develop a ministry that would reach youth and young adults for Christ, in an environment where they can belong, grow, and find purpose for their lives. The position I will hold at this church is Youth Community Outreach Intern. I came to this idea of partnering with this church because I was brought to an outreach program similar to this and I got to know a fellow YU staff (Alain Virgin) who was the youth pastor, there at that time. I believe that a youth outreach program is vital in this area because the majority of the people located in this neighbourhood are from other faith communities. There are many Hindus in this neighbourhood, which was my background before coming to Christ.
2. I will also be working with Light Patrol, a program under Youth Unlimited. This ministry works with people experiencing homelessness within the City of Toronto. This has also been one of my passions for some time.

FAMILY

My family and I are doing well. My older sister just got a contract position as an occupational therapist at Centenary Hospital. My brother works at Longos and my other sister works as a law clerk and is currently working from home. Please pray for my brother and sister as they work in high-risk fields.

KAMAL, MY GIRLFRIEND

Kamal and her family are doing well. She is currently at Tyndale like myself but on the seminary side. She is completing her Master of Divinity in Clinical Counselling. She just completed three courses of her first semester in the program.

SCHOOL

I am doing my undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies and Theology at Tyndale. I'm taking about 3 courses per semester. I am enjoying my biblical studies classes but my core courses, like my English class, have been tougher. This winter 2021 I will be taking Hermeneutics, New Testament Surveys, and Philosophy. Please pray that I will do my school as an act of worship to God, just surrendering it to him and doing it for his glory.

IN CLOSING

If you are looking to give as this year ends. You can make a donation to the several other interns that are also in a similar position as I am, but who have not completed their fundraising. They would graciously appreciate your support.

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Once again, I want to say thank you for your support whether it be through prayer or financially. This means a lot to me that you can be part of this journey alongside me.

Shalom,
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