

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

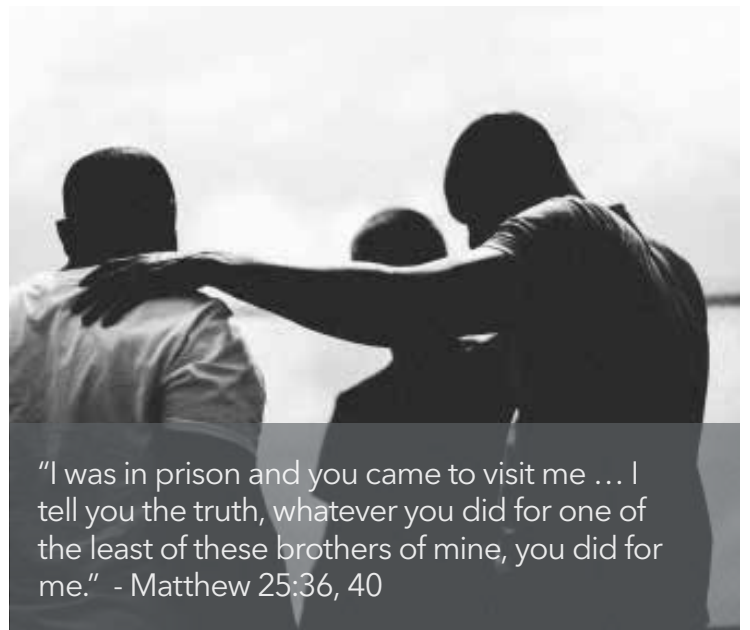
Sharing the love and hope of Jesus with kids in tough places  
throughout King and Snohomish Counties.

## IN ONE MOMENT HIS LIFE CHANGED

At the age of 16, Shane's life changed forever. He was a normal high school athlete, and in a moment of rage over a girl, assaulted another kid. The altercation turned bad quickly. Shane had a knife and was charged with aggravated assault. In a moment, Shane's future was changed. He was being charged as an adult. Then he met YFC's Juvenile Justice Director, Steve Strickler, while at the jail. They met on a regular basis for weeks. Shane told him his story, and Steve told his. Then the time was right to start talking about God's story. After several conversations Shane prayed to receive Christ. He started reading his Bible daily and memorizing scripture. His life was truly being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The day came when the judge was going to decide whether to charge Shane in adult court or as a juvenile. The judge decided to try him in juvenile court. The sentence - juvenile life. Juvenile life means incarceration until the age of 21 in a juvenile facility. At age 16 Shane became a felon. His life forever changed. Having a felony on your record can ruin your future. You can never fill out a job application without checking that box. Opportunities that were once available vanished. However, Steve is committed to helping Shane through this. They still meet and talk about life and Jesus.

The work we do in Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) is both hard and critically important. Most JJM stories have a bad side and a good side. When the bad side involves a kid doing time for a crime, we visit them in jail and pray for Christ's love to heal and be felt. When the good side involves a kid accepting Christ, we know that their life is changed for all eternity and we rejoice! Thank you for supporting Shane and JJM.



"I was in prison and you came to visit me ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:36, 40

**1,200**

Youth are in jail or in  
detention programs  
in the Seattle area.

**80**

Youth are connected  
to YFC Juvenile  
Justice Ministry.

# YOU'RE INVITED!



## THE POWER OF HOPE BENEFIT DINNER

We would be honored to have you join us for our annual benefit dinner for youth. We hope to see you there!

**Date:** Tue. October 13, 2015  
**Time:** Live music and hors d'oeuvres at 6pm. Dinner and program at 7pm.

**Where:** Meydenbauer Center  
11100 NE 6th Street  
Bellevue, WA 98004

**RSVP by phone:**

# 206.284.4446

**Keynote Speaker:**  
Dr. Joseph Castleberry,  
President of Northwest  
University and Author.



### DIRECTOR'S CORNER

If Jesus were walking among us today, I believe you would find Him in juvenile detention centers. These kids come from places devoid of love, healthy relationships and positive influences. They are dealing with abuse, neglect, drug use, and crime - all reasons they find themselves in juvenile detention. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus, ministering to hurting kids. You are helping too with every dollar you give and prayer you offer. Thank you!

For Every Kid,

Executive Director  
Seattle Area Youth for Christ



City Life desires to see deep change in an urban neighborhood through transforming the lives of youth. We work to introduce youth in a natural way to the person of Jesus Christ then disciple them into leaders for their neighborhood.



Juvenile Justice reaches young people in detention centers and probation programs in the court system. Mentoring relationships are built and sustained through ongoing involvement with JJM staff as the youth re-enter their communities.



Parent Life reaches pregnant and parenting teens with life and parenting skills. By supporting and equipping parents we help them become successful and responsible adults.



In Washington, there are approximately 10,000 children in the foster care system. These amazing kids are waiting for the adults in their lives to decide their futures. If you are interested in fostering a child or learning more, we would love to connect with you.



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- 1. Pray**
- 2. Volunteer**
- 3. Give**

