

of the youth we serve are in UNIVERSITY & GRADUATE SCHOOL

At the beginning of my PhD, a friend said 'you need to look out for yourself, be successful'. In a way that's true, but it is also completely against why I'm here. I don't need to look out for number one. I need to do the opposite — to do what I can to help other people flourish. It's been wonderful to be part of the UBC grad ministry. I love inviting people to things — Bible studies, prayer, coffee, dinner.

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I like to invite my friends – Christians and non-Christians – to meet together on the soccer field. I have been praying that people who have differences would get to know each other. Before I was welcomed into my Christian community on campus, I didn't really know what

it was like to be in deep relationships with

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people. Now, I'm also inviting my friends to dinner, to Bible studies and prayer. I'm encouraged by the way they are beginning to investigate Jesus.





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Leaving home and coming to the University of Alberta forced me to make decisions about my faith. I always understood that God loved me, but recently it clicked and I felt it in my heart. Why would I not want my friends and the people that I

meet to experience what I have experienced? This is what motivates me to share Christ with my friends, complete strangers and to invite people to Bible studies.

31% of the youth we serve are in MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

I used to struggle with depression; the only thing I would get excited about was the next big thing. But Jesus fills that void for me now and I am relying

much more on prayer and reading my Bible. When you read and pray on a consistent basis, you grow on a consistent basis. Before I felt like I was kind of like a roller coaster. But now God is changing me.

Madalena, Age 18

> I started going to camp when I was eight years old. It's where I first gave my life to Jesus. When I went home, I started asking my parents questions that I wouldn't normally ask

them. It really helped our relationship. This year I was a Leader-in-Training. This whole camp is like a family, Kar Dale but LIT is something deeper. We went on a canoe trip and it was tough but definitely worth pushing through. You come out a better person.

Andrew, Age 16



of the youth we serve are in GRADE SCHOOL

I'll tell you three things I love about camp. I love how before lunch there is a little skit. I miss eating with my family, so that makes me excited to go to lunch. The next thing I love is when we get to sing a song about God. Now, every morning when I brush my teeth I sing. Right now I'm singing 'Your Love is Amazing'. The third thing I like is wide games because you let all your energy out and you just run around.





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One of my great ministry joys is to sit with young people and hear them describe how they are growing spiritually. It's inspiring to listen to them reflect on what they are learning about God and about themselves. I love hearing them share how God is challenging and changing them.

For nearly 90 years we have been privileged to help children, youth and young adults grow spiritually. In this Annual Ministry Report, we feature snapshots of six young people who are experiencing God's love and transforming work in their lives. Their stories represent thousands of other young people engaged in our ministry.

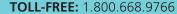
Rejoice with us. God is at work. Please pray with us. We long to see many more young people grow as life-long followers of Jesus.

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