

# Spring Banquet Recap

We had a wonderful evening at the Mesabi Range Youth for Christ Banquet on May 7th. **This year we were able to raise \$9,464 to help us reach lost kids for Jesus!** Thank you so much for being a part of this work. Although we raised much less than our hope of \$16,000 we are encouraged to see many new monthly supporters as a result of the banquet. We would like to take this opportunity to ask that you would consider making small monthly donations if you aren't already. We truly enjoy sharing this mission with you. And we'd love to meet with you personally and share with you the wonderful things God is doing through Mesabi Range YFC. Please call or email us for more information.

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## Looking Ahead: from the desk of Christian Dane

At Mesabi Range Youth for Christ, our year falls into two phases: School Year and Summer. As we arrive at the end of the school year, we are preparing for summer and the specific tasks which come with it. We have fundraisers to do and summer camps to staff, but we also use the time to plan for new programs in the coming school year. You'll read about fundraisers and summer camps elsewhere in this newsletter, so this column is all about the new stuff we are preparing to implement.

First on our list of preparations: **A new office space.** We have been blessed to find office space for rent which will meet the needs of the ministry better. The location is better, the office space is larger, the heat is more consistent, the electricity is more reliable, and we would have an entire gym exclusively for our use. God has revealed some of His extensive preparations for the future of MRYFC. If it is His will, we will be able to begin working on the new space in July and then start operating from it in August – in time for the school year.

A benefit which comes with the new space is the ability to begin ministering to students in middle school. We are exploring the possibility of starting a new ministry, **"Campus Life M"** as an after school event for Virginia Junior High students. Right now the only serious hurdle will be finding volunteers.

The last thing we are going to tackle has a broader vision. As the Executive Director, I have a vision for church collaboration on the Iron Range. I don't think youth ministry will be a



successful endeavor unless churches are working together. With that in mind, MRYFC is going to start **servicing lunch** to Virginia High School students once a week at the new office. We will promote the event, set up, and connect with the kids. But **we will ask churches to bring the food and to send ambassadors from their churches to the students at VHS.**

I expect three things to come from this program. First, students will be fed in a welcoming environment. Second, churches will practice collaborating on the same project. Finally, high school students will meet church members, and (perhaps) students will find their way into a church with someone they know.

These are my ideas based on my impression of God's plans for the Iron Range. As we get closer to the new school year, I am confident that God will correct our plans and guide our preparations. I ask that you pray about this vision and consider contributing ideas or time towards its realization.

Pressing Onward,  
Christian Dane  
Executive Director



# How to Pray

- Pray for our staff while they serve at summer camp this year during the weeks of June 14-27 and July 13-19
- That the teens will not backslide during the summer
- For safety as we move into our new facility
- For our new brothers and sisters in Christ, that they will remain in their faith and grow.
- Pray for A. who is moving to FL, pray that she will find a good Christian network of friends.
- Pray for East Range volunteers to rise up, as we seek to start Campus Life Mesabi East.
- Pray for new volunteers and financial partners. The harvest is ready!

# Talk to Us

**Peaches** will be Available at the end of July, if you would like to preorder, they will cost \$40 per box paid at pick-up.

I would like to pre-order \_\_\_\_ boxes of peaches.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a volunteer at the peach sale. Please contact me with more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Updates:** I would like to be added to your email update list.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to get emails from:

- Matt (Campus Life Director)
- Katie (Associate Campus Life Director)
- Christian (Executive Director)
- General Email

## Opportunities:

Let me know if I can:

- Pray
- Volunteer
- Sponsor a specific event or need

## Donate:

I've decided to enclose a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Mesabi Range Youth for Christ.

# What the Teens are Saying

*"I could never have done this without YFC, Campus Life, Matt, Jeff, and most of all JESUS!"*

*I just registered at Mesabi Community College and I start this fall, than after I get my A.A. I'm going to North Central University hopefully!*



*I can't believe I'm actually at this point in my life a year ago I was on track to be working at McDonald's the rest of my life! Now I start college! I am actually proud of myself and where I've come!"*

- Jared (Age 19)

*"I like going to YFC because you can learn about God and hang out with friends at the same time.*

*It is not like most youth groups. I myself am not exactly a church kid, so when I first went to YFC I was surprised. It was not like an ordinary youth group -- it is an amazing youth group and I would recommend it to anyone."*

- Micah (Age 14)



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