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Steve's Top 10 of 2010

In no particular order

We asked our Executive Director Steve Pausch to share his Top 10 ministry memories of 2010 and below is his list of the items that brought him the greatest excitement as we see God work at Youth for Christ of Northern Ohio.

Wadsworth: Our ministry in Wadsworth has really exploded in the past year under the direction of Lou Fister. She has done an amazing job of mobilizing people to get things done and reach out to the many hurting young people in Wadsworth. Last February, she had major back surgery that she never allowed to slow her down (too much). In fact, this ministry is stronger now than ever. She has teams of adults who lead a middle school ministry, a support ministry to teenaged mothers, a high school ministry, a 12-step group to help teens, a group for young people out of high school, and she does an amazing job of managing all of it. **My hat is off to Lou and her team for the job they did in 2010.**

Finances: God has blessed us in the past few years with the finances necessary to be effective in reaching lost kids. Though we do not have enough yet to reach every young person with the Gospel, we have been able to streamline and run a very tight ship that has had a tremendous impact in the communities we serve. We have been unbelievably blessed by the many, many individuals who give so sacrificially to our work with kids. **I am deeply humbled and grateful to those who partner with us financially and prayerfully each month.**

Brunswick: Campus Life Club in Brunswick has been changing lives for over 25 years without missing a beat. In the fall of 2009, due to some circumstances, that streak was broken and there was no club for few months. But, a great group of leaders stepped up, found a new place to meet, and in January started Campus Life club in Brunswick again. 2010 was not without its ups and downs in Brunswick, but this team persevered and had a great year of ministry. They met weekly at Brunswick Reformed Church and saw a great resurgence in teen attendance and volunteer leaders. Former "Club Kids" came back to help out, each adult had a specific job, and they broke the large group into small groups at the meeting and had great discussions on key topics. **In a town where the mascot is a "blue devil", you all were truly angels to the young people involved and to me. Thanks.**

Sandusky County Juvenile Detention Center: Jesus reminded us often to take care of those less fortunate than ourselves. I am blessed by the very faithful group of adults who go to the Sandusky County Detention center and talk with kids at least 3 times every week. I get the greatest emails about the kids who respond to God's love while incarcerated. **Thank you for helping to set the captives free in Fremont.**

Highland: As you know, teachers spend many hours a day every week with students. That is why our adult leaders in the Highland area are so special. They are teachers and are around kids every day, yet they have decided to follow God's call and run a bi-weekly outreach to the very same kids they teach. They take great bus trips to go ice-skating, to learn self-defense, and they even take the whole busload over to their homes and let them run around. **In a time when teachers can sometimes get a bum rap, I would like to give these teachers a big apple for going the extra mile, many extra miles. Thank you.**

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Football Team: This past fall, I had the opportunity to lead my local high school football team in a devotion in their locker room right before they headed onto the field. The team went undefeated, but the best part for me was how many players thanked me. They even gave me a signed card from the entire team at the end of the year. I don't think my talks led to a great season, but I know those young men inspired me to keep going in an effort to reach every young person with the Gospel message. **Thanks to the 2010 Western Reserve Roughriders Football Team for playing their hearts out! Go Big Blue!**

In The Whisper: This is our 105-acre retreat property that was made available to YFC in Huron County, right in the center of our 7 counties and is open for all to use. I get great joy when we have kids out for overnights and evening events. The midnight hikes, the climbing walls, the beautiful starry nights, and the great discussions about God and His creation make all the hours of building cabins in the mud worth every step. Seeing kids catch their first fish in the lake, take a canoe out for a shaky ride, or completing one of our team-building obstacles always sends me home so thankful for this place. **I am so grateful and proud of the many adults who spent so many hours getting this place ready to host our kids. Great job team!**

Strategic Plan: At the end of 2010, we finalized our Strategic Plan. This will keep us on track over the next 5 years as we seek to reach every lost young person with the Gospel message. We will begin to explain the plan in detail in upcoming newsletters. Thanks to the members of the YFC Board of Directors who brought the plan to life and especially to Bill Holko, who spearheaded the formulation and saw it to completion. **May God bless our plan as we seek to fulfill it.**

Tiffin Area: There has been a group called S.T.A.N.D. (students taking a new direction) that has been meeting on Friday mornings for many years now and led by the students under the direction of a long time teacher. What happens, though, when that teacher retires? That was the question of 2010. That question, however, didn't remain unanswered for very long. The retiring teacher, Beth Shanabrook, filled that spot with another teacher and some adults and the S.T.A.N.D. group is going strong. I appreciate this great team of people who care for their students and help guide them through life. **We all STAND UP for you in Tiffin. Thanks!**

Appointments with Kids: The In His Steps Foundation gave us a generous grant for our staff to take young people out to dinner. This allows them to spend quality time with kids, and share God's plan of salvation in an atmosphere where kids can ask questions and get answers. These appointments have become a vital part of our ministry, and every time I have adult leaders report back to me about their times with kids, I am amazed and encouraged. I, personally, had the opportunity in 2010 to sit down with almost every player on the high school baseball team that I coached and share Christ with them. **Thank you, In His Steps, for not only feeding the bodies of teens, but also helping to fill their spiritual hunger as well.**

Those are just a few of the segments of our ministry that get me excited from 2010. There are so many more stories from last year and more happening every day now in 2011. Thank you for your faithful support and let's see what God has in store for this year. **Let's make reservations in Heaven for 2011.**

There Is A Plan

In November of last year, our Board of Directors completed a prayerful, 10-month planning effort and approved The Strategic Plan for Youth for Christ of Northern Ohio. The plan is focused on fulfilling our chapter's mission of reaching teenagers in our seven-county area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All members of the Board had input into the plan, are committed to implementing the plan, and are committed to regular and systematic monitoring of the plan. Details of the plan will be discussed in future newsletters. Goals of the plan will be included in future monthly prayer updates. It is the prayer of the members of the Board that the YFCNO family will join them in implementing the plan with loving enthusiasm for Jesus Christ and our mission. Copies of the plan are available from the YFCNO office by email or snail mail.

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