



Dear Friend,

Last fall I met a student at Center High School named Devin. Devin heard about our Fall Weekend trip to Young Life's newest property, Clearwater Cove, and wanted to go. He joined us on our trip and had a blast. At that point, Devin was hooked. I don't think he's ever missed Club on Monday nights, he actively participates in Campaigners, he went to camp this summer at Castaway Club, and is now playing an active role in Club and inviting his friends so they can hear about Jesus. Early on, Devin shared with me that he battles with depression and that he is in a lot of emotional pain. He also shared that most of the time when he is smiling, laughing, and joking around, he's really hurting inside and is doing those things to get attention from others. His method of coping with it all is smoking marijuana. Devin has given his life to Jesus, but he still has some significant challenges to overcome. One of our volunteer leaders, Reid Hildenbrand, is walking with Devin in friendship and love. Reid is the incarnational presence of Jesus in Devin's life as he journeys to experience healing and transformation.

We know many kids with stories like Devin's. These are kids that have expressed a desire to have a relationship with Jesus but need major help along the path to maturity. Our vision states that "We will engage an army of adults in incarnational ministry with adolescents so that every adolescent in Kansas City, Missouri will have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ and follow him." There is no way that myself, our team of volunteer leaders, and our committee can impact all of the kids like Devin that is included in the scope of our vision. The only way we do it, is if we do it TOGETHER. I love the picture that Luke paints in Acts 2:44-47. They were together, shared what they had, and the Lord added to their numbers people who were being saved. You may feel led to join us on the front lines or work behind the scenes and be a support to the work that's being done. Either way, will you stand with us for this cause as a Ministry Partner?

We would like for you to prayerfully consider partnering with us.

- Will you bring some of your friends with you to our Spring Banquet in April? By exposing more people to our cause and to what God is doing, we have the opportunity to increase our capacity to impact more kids.
- Will you consider making a financial contribution?
- You may feel led to partner with us in other ways. You will find a link on our Ministry Partner page to our *Roadmap to Partnership* brochure that outlines many of the ways in which you can partner with us.

There is a link where you can make your pledge of partnership for 2018 on our Ministry Partner page. Once you respond, member of our team will be contacting you soon to confirm your commitment and to answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for partnering with us in ministry.

Sincerely,

Leonard Davis
Area Director