

The **YOUTH  
ALIVE**  
INC.

# Conduit

Connecting what God has done in the hearts and lives of others

## Save the Date!

### Leaders' Retreat March 5 – 6, 2010

Association Retreat Center  
Osceola, WI

Cost: \$50 (includes conference,  
Saturday meals & lodging)

### Spring Conference March 26 - 27, 2010

Living Waters Church

Elk River, MN  
Cost: \$45 + \$5 suggested  
donation for meals

### Summer Camp June 21 – 26, 2010

Association Retreat Center  
(A.R.C.)

Osceola, WI  
Cost: \$250



## Treasure the Truth

What is the truth about who we are? At the core of who God created us to be, we are more than just a personality, character, skin and bones. We are designed by God as a spirit being. Pastor Randy Dean of Living Word Chapel in Forest, WI, challenged us to embrace our spirit-ness.

“We cannot afford to hide our spirit man, tucked away into a backroom closet where no one can see it. We need to be a people who are genuinely spirit.”

Jesus' life modeled a life of the spirit; in Mark 9, Jesus brought Peter, James and John up to a high mountain and showed them man's true nature. He pulled back the curtains of His humanity to show those three disciples that we were shaped and formed in the spiritual world. He was transfigured before their eyes and even His clothes were changed!

Treasuring the Truth is about focus. “What you focus on comes your way.” We can choose to focus on everyday, angry, reactionary situations; or we can choose to focus on connecting our spirit closely to the Holy Spirit.



**Pastor Randy Dean  
praying for students.**

We can have a Mount of Transfiguration right where we live, breathe, and have most of our life. What would happen if we allowed our spirit life to be so strong that it affects our clothes? What would it look like for us to walk it out?

Students who were in tough family situations received prayer for their home lives to be completely transfigured. Others received ministry to have their imagination and their spirits ignited. Twelve students had their lives completely transformed by accepting Christ as their Lord. At the end of the weekend we all seemed to have awakened in our spirits to God's Presence, and in doing so, we found our true selves.



**Students encountering the transforming power of salvation.**

## Get Dangerous ~ Get Involved!

Youth Alive firmly believes that you, our students and youth, are not the church of tomorrow; you are the church of today. You are more than just an audience at our conferences. Youth Alive exists for you and couldn't exist without you.

We want to see you grow and mature to your full potential in Christ. This ministry is built for you, and we want to see you getting involved and taking ownership of it. One of the ways that you can get involved with Youth Alive is through intercessory prayer, which happens during our conferences. (You can also become part of the core prayer team which prays for Youth Alive on a regular basis.)

So what is intercessory prayer? Intercessory is a word that means one person who stands in for another person's place. When you link that to prayer, it means to pray on behalf of someone else.

So what does intercessory prayer look like? At Youth Alive, we strive to create an atmosphere where you feel free to worship and pray as you feel led. We usually have some sort of worship music playing while we pray. Tyler Newell helps to facilitate and lead this prayer time.

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Anyone and everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. You are one voice who can join with others, petitioning to the Father on behalf of our ministry, conference, leaders, students and youth ministries.

Why should you get involved? We are God's hands and feet on earth. He chose to use us to accomplish His plans and purposes. Prayer is the key that opens the doors of heaven. God loves it when we get involved in His plans and purposes because it was what we were designed for! We encourage you to step out at our next conference. Be a voice and a part of Youth Alive. See what can happen when we join together with God's plans!

## What's Your Story?



**Mallory spoke about her heart for her generation.**

Mallory Sachem, a 17-year-old Junior at Red Wing High School, spoke passionately from her heart about where “her story” is going.

She grew up in a Christian home where she really got to know Jesus as her best friend. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade she had a really hard year, and learned to lean on God with everything she had. Mallory opened up that lately she’s been praying and asking God to change her heart. “I love people but I’m a really judgmental person.”

“I want to be relatable to people. I want to be available for people around me to come to me and ask me for advice, and for me not to judge them. I want to hear what Jesus wants to say to them through me. Can you imagine a life where people see something different in you and want to be like you? I want to be a radical witness.”

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Roger Grosslein, a former Jr. High school science teacher, retired DNR agent and one of the youth leaders from the Harbor Youth Ministry, shared how his life turned a complete 180° in an instant. His life, marriage and family were all slipping away but God miraculously saved it all.

While he was on assignment in New York, Roger came to the conclusion that he was going to divorce his wife. When he got home, he began their normal fighting routine, but this time something was different. His wife didn’t react and it shocked him. She said that she had been “born again” and that she wanted Roger to come and visit a pastor with her. He didn’t want to go because of all the hurt that the church had caused him, and because he saw the church as irrelevant to life. He decided to go and started off the meeting telling the pastor exactly what he thought of the church.

Then the pastor did something Roger never expected. He apologized for what the church had done to Roger, who sat at the pastor’s desk and literally felt a weight being lifted off his shoulders. He began to cry, and “men don’t cry.” Then he heard an audible voice speak, “The impossible is now possible.” He knew right then that his marriage would work.

He went home and found himself down on his knees apologizing to his kids that they didn’t know their father, or what a father is, and that it was his fault that they didn’t know what a father is. Within one year all of his children knew Jesus.

“I know God exists because I experienced Him firsthand.” As a Christian we have purpose. They will tell you that there’s no purpose to the Bible; there is purpose. That’s why I’m here, I get to be a dad to students who may not have a father.”



**Roger laid bare his heart about his love for youth.**

## No Longer a Walking Shell

By: Ashley Buller

In January of this year I went on my fourth out of country, missions trip to Haiti. I left for Haiti on the 6th of January and was supposed to leave for home on the 16th. I was with a team from CityLights Ministries International and we had been staying at a guesthouse in Port-au-Prince. When the earthquake hit, we were at a house church that was maybe 15 to 30 minutes from downtown Port-au-Prince. After the quake we were put back in the van and taken back to the



**Ashley with several Haitian orphans, days before the earthquake.**

guesthouse, where we spent the next two days trying to think of ways to get out. On Friday we were told to go to the

American embassy, because the Air Force was flying people out of Haiti. We spent nearly the entire day at the embassy filling out paper work and then just waiting for our names to be called so that we could get on a plane.

I can remember looking at all the people who were waiting (some even for days) and thinking that we would never get out. At eleven that night, Amanda, our team leader, woke me up and said that we could get on a plane right now but we had to leave our luggage. So we did. We left our stuff on the embassy lawn and got in the cars that were going to take us to the airport. We got on the C17 and took off at 1 a.m. on Saturday morning. It was close to 5 p.m. when we finally got back into Minnesota that night.

I was home less than a day when I decided to come to the Youth Alive Winter Conference with the youth group I attend. I came to the conference full of what I had seen and experienced in Haiti and yet so empty of life. I felt like a walking shell. I didn't even know what I wanted from the people around me or from God, but I knew that I didn't want what I had. That weekend was one of the most intense times of ministry that I have ever experienced. God used every part of that conference to empty me and fill me up again with His life. And yes, this is the hardest year I have ever had. I am still surprised at how 72 hours could bring my life to such a sudden stop. Yes, I am still working though the grief of what I experienced in Haiti, but I know that God is going to use that experience for something great. This may be the hardest year of my life so far, but I am not going to let that stop me from living my life for God.

## Deepening Relationships

By: Mary Ellen Higgins

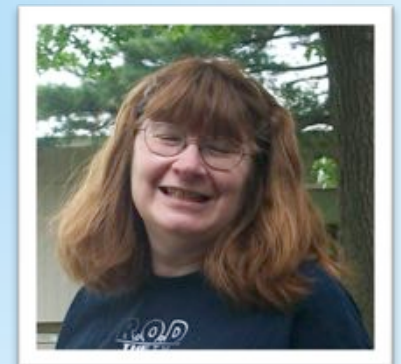
“God is a God of diversity. If we rally around a doctrine we create division, but if we rally around relationship we learn to appreciate the diversity of others.” – Bill Johnson

One of the things I have appreciated so much over my many years of involvement in Youth Alive is summed up in that statement. Youth Alive has focused more on the importance of relationship: an individual's relationship to God, relationships between people and relationships between churches; than on any one doctrine, other than Jesus Christ being the only way of salvation.

Some of us may have green, pink, purple or gray hair, piercings, tattoos or eyeliner. Some of us may be jocks, nerds, cheerleaders or drama queens. We may wear normal clothes, Pippi Longstocking socks or pants that the leaders' pray stay up. We may live in a city, on a farm, or out in the boondocks.

For some of us coming from smaller churches and outlying areas, Youth Alive may be the first time or place that we

come across anyone else that looks, sounds, or thinks like we do. We are not “cookie cutter” Christians and I for one am so thankful that Youth Alive operates in a way that gives space for difference.



The relationships that I have experienced through my involvement with Youth Alive have expanded, endured and deepened over time. Pastor Randy challenged us at the Winter Conference to grow in our relationship to God in such a way as it impacts our relationships with others, especially people we don't know. So if you know some people who like to live life different, invite them to the next conference or camp and let's see the relationships grow.

# Testimonies

“The Youth Alive Winter Conference made me realize that as much as I want God, I have to do more about it. Ever since then I’ve been doing little things about it; taking my Bible to work and reading on my breaks and when I go to the grocery store, etc, I am praying. I don’t want to be a Christian who says she believes something but never does it.”

~ Haylee P.

“The Presence of God pounded me hard in a good way. It felt like a huge weight was being lifted off my shoulders.”

~ Cody D.

At the Youth Alive Winter Conference I realized that it isn’t enough to show God only to my friends and on Sunday mornings. I need to try and live showing God in my daily life, staying true to Him. During the workshop I

went to, we asked God to show us what He thought of us. My words were ‘Just’ and ‘True.’ It is very difficult to stay true to God when our eyes are opened to the bad things happening around us that we normally wouldn’t have thought twice about. My friends help hold me accountable. I still mess up sometimes, but I know that God forgives me and that I have to keep trying.

~ Fern G.



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## Core Prayer Team

Core Prayer Team Vision:

“ To support Youth Alive spiritually through prayer.”

We need people like you to commit to pray for us on a weekly basis. We will send out bi-weekly prayer requests via email. If you’d like to be a part of the Core Prayer Team please email us at: [youthaliveinc@gmail.com](mailto:youthaliveinc@gmail.com)

