



Cheryl's Newsletter

SUMMER 2019

THE FIRST 6 MONTHS!

I have been so blessed these last 6 months to be able to serve at Montreal Youth Unlimited

Day one started at Dorval Station for the 7am train to Toronto. We were off to the Eastern Regional Conference of Youth Unlimited (Youth for Christ) and what a way to start in ministry. I spent 3 days meeting people, hearing about their ministries, and learning more about

Youth Unlimited. I am not really sure what I expected but this was so much more than I could have imagined.....



The next month or so was spent getting to know our staff and spending time with them in their programs as well as learning about the administrative side of MYU. I knew about La Corde and a bit about Youth Rally at Terra Nova, but Osanna's work with

Syrian Refugee outreach was new to me as where the ministries at Chateauguay with their drop in centre, Options pregnancy centre, "lunch + lounge" and "taste and see programs". And so much more too...

I know that my gifts are not to work directly with young people in this way but it is truly rewarding to be able to use my gifts to support their work and the larger organisation behind them. Knowing more about how they are making an impact in the lives of young people in Quebec inspires me to do what I do on a daily basis. This is truly an organisation that lives out its mission.

We exist to see every young person living fully in Christ

- Centered on Christ
- Called to the mission
- Committed to relationships
- Seriously fun!

BREAKFAST AT LA CORDE

Breakfast at La Corde is where my journey with MYU started more than 3 years ago. I certainly didn't know what plans God had for me when I volunteered to help serve breakfast once every 2 weeks but He did

I have worked along side many of you here and for the last 6 months was blessed to be helped out by Kim and Anna Neelin.

I'd like to say breakfast is a quiet, organised, disciplined time with the kids, but its not...

Its noisy, chaotic at times, but fun. Just by showing up and providing we are showing these amazing kids what love and commitment looks like as we pour into their lives the love of Jesus as part of the program at La Corde.

I'd love for more of you to be involved so please let me know if you want to join us in the fall even if it is just once or occasionally. My team serves on alternate wednesdays from 7-8 am.

"We see the hope and potential in every young person"

Did you know?
6000 breakfast were served at La Corde in the last school year.....



What Else.....

We ran our annual golf tournament where above all else I was struck by the generosity of those who joined us for a day of golf. It is more than just about raising money though as we have the opportunity to share with others our faith and the work we are doing with young people through MYU.

Then there's just the general administration we need to do as an organisation, planning for staff meetings, working alongside Sylvie in finance, working on the HR side of a growing organisation - we currently have 21 on our ministry team, and "other" special assignments at the discretion of the executive director!"

We also ran!!!! In 5 degrees & torrential horizontal rain, we participated in the Scotiabank 5km run at Parc Jean Drapeau in April to raise funds for MYU. It was fun.... maybe 10km next year but maybe not... Still not sure where running appears in my job description.



May and June for me were dominated by planning for NMC 2019...

MYU hosted the National Ministry Conference for Youth For Christ Canada in June with our theme of Enraciné.



I could probably write a whole newsletter on this alone, but perhaps the stories are best shared over a coffee...

For 5 days in Quebec City we hosted over 350 staff and their families, including 88 kids ranging from 6 months to 17 years. It was a huge undertaking, but amazing to work alongside all of our team as we planned and prepared.

There were speakers (I was especially impacted by Monique Lepine's message of hope), workshops, an awesome kids program, worship, a day of prayer, and many many conversations and opportunities to share and pray together.

All in all a lot of work (how many spreadsheets can you have open at once?!!) a lot of fun and I believe a huge success.

WHAT NEXT?

I'm not exactly sure what the next 6 months at MYU will look like but I will continue to serve in any way I can to further the mission of Youth Unlimited.

There will be small details to complete around the office as well as larger projects to get involved in.

Personally I will continue with my credentialing with Youth For Christ. This has been a time of personal and spiritual growth as well as healing.

My prayer is that I will be able to give as much over the coming months (& years) as I have received in recent months.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

EPHESIANS 3: 17-19



Family

Summer is in full swing as I write this. Daniel is away making music for a week as a break from his summer job in the pool canteen. Ella is busy doing any water sport imaginable and looking forward to teen camp at Frontier Lodge at the end of the month. The fall will bring changes for Daniel with CEGEP and a return to Sports Études for Ella. They are growing up so fast....

Thank you

Thank you all for your friendship, support, prayers and encouragement over recent months. I am truly blessed by your support in so many ways on this journey that I am on. Please continue to pray for my ministry role and the wider work of Montreal Youth Unlimited. Pray for discernment and guidance as we move into the fall and for my family too that Daniel & Ella will grow spiritually.

Finances

As most of you know I must raise my own personal support finances to cover all my ministry expenses. I have been amazed by the generosity of so many supporting me in this ministry. I know I have been called to serve here at MYU yet still need monthly partnerships and one time donations to make it sustainable long term. Are you able to be part of the mission through financial partnership with me? Donate here at www.jslmontreal.org

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