



QUARTERLY SPRING 2026

OUR NEW HIRE! TROY FRIESEN

We look forward to welcoming Troy to the team! In June, he and his wife will be moving to the Valley.



Robbie Taylor, Meeting Teens Where Life Happens: Growing Deep Roots in the Comox Valley

At Youth Unlimited™ YFC Comox Valley, you'll usually find us right in the middle of real teenage life. It's in the loud drop-in nights, the sweaty energy on the sport pad, the conversations after school, and those quiet moments when a kid finally feels safe enough to open up. This is where Jesus meets them. This is where lost and lonely teens start discovering who they really are— and who they're meant to be in Him.

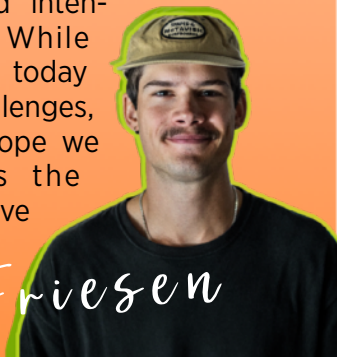
We're seeing God do some cool things right now. Kids who used to hang out on the edges are stepping into the community. Casual questions about faith are turning into real talks about following Jesus. There's a genuine hunger for something true and lasting, and we get to walk alongside them as it happens, having the privilege to engage in upward conversations.

But as things pick up, we're being really careful about how we grow. We don't want to just get bigger on the outside— we want to go deeper on the inside. For every new teen who walks through the door, we need the time, people, and resources to actually know them, care for them, and disciple them well. As a leader, I'm always conscious that if outreach outpaces our capacity, it puts too much weight on our team and ends up short-changing the very kids we're trying to reach.

That's why your support right now means so much. As God keeps opening doors, your generosity helps us walk through them with strength instead of strain. It lets us raise up more leaders, create space for real discipleship, and make sure every young person isn't just "reached"— they're truly known. We're honestly grateful. And we're full of hope. What God is doing in the Comox Valley isn't slowing down, and we're thankful to be doing it together— for the long haul.

My name is Troy Friesen, and I'm excited to be joining the Youth For Christ team here in the Comox Valley. For the past four years, I've had the privilege of serving with YFC in Steinbach as a Youth Worker. During this time, I have been able to walk closely with young people navigating real challenges at home, in school, and in their search for purpose and belonging. A joy for me is to journey alongside youth through mentorship and discipleship. Building relationships, celebrating the wins, and providing support and care through the difficult seasons is both humbling and rewarding. These experiences have helped shape my heart for youth ministry and strengthened my belief that every young person is seen, known, and deeply loved by God.

As I step into this new community and chapter, my desire is to learn, listen, and immerse myself in the work that God is already doing through YFC Comox Valley. I'm grateful to be joining a team that is passionate about sharing the Gospel and caring for youth in meaningful and intentional ways. While young people today face many challenges, I believe the hope we offer remains the same— the love of Jesus.



Troy Friesen

EVERY YOUNG PERSON LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST



Taeryn Novak, A Place of Refuge

"Thank you for your beautiful ministry; you are a blessing to our family." When a parent shares something like this with us, it reminds me that not only are we caring for youth, but the impact can go beyond, into families, homes, and schools.

I am thankful that we can be a place for youth to belong, be cared for, and a place where people know their name and their story. I have heard from many parents just how much this means to them, to know that their child has this place of belonging.

I also think of youth who don't have stable home lives. I hope we can be a place of shelter for them, a refuge where they can be seen, heard, and loved. Maybe even a place where they can simply be kids for a while. If they are the first in their family to come to faith, I hope we can be a launching pad for them to shine God's light in their homes.

God is our ultimate home and place of refuge. It says in the Psalms that "we live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare: that he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him. (Psalm 91: 1-2 TLB)

I hope that we at YFC can be an extension of God's loving presence to the youth— but that ultimately, they would find their true refuge, home, hope and belonging in Him.

HENDRÉ BASSON, LEADING WITH PURPOSE

I have had the privilege to see THRIVE, our weekly boys' group, grow and evolve over the past two years— from a program that started with teen boys who simply wanted kinship with other believers in a place to unwind and belong, to a program where they come to seek the Lord deeper and where the high schoolers strive to set the example for the younger ones to follow.

This cultural shift has been evident in a recent 'Nerf' game we hosted at YFC. There were disagreements, and a young teen who was new to our program felt targeted by the high schoolers and ran off in tears. By the time I was aware of the situation, two high schoolers, those responsible for the incident, had already taken the lead in addressing the conflict, comforting the youth, admitting where they had been at fault, and apologizing respectfully before calling me into the conversation (which I had witnessed without their knowledge).

As a result, our new friend was so impacted by these high schoolers' accountability, but also by their desire to see him thrive at the program, that to this day, months later, he shadows them from the beginning of the program to the very end, keen to embrace their leadership and guidance.

We have also had a few younger boys join our THRIVE family this past quarter, and every week I've seen the older boys, who started with the program from day one, foster an environment that represents Christ to all.

It is so encouraging to watch God shape our next generation of men as they lead with love, grace, and compassion, seeing that as a strength rather than a weakness.



Rebekah Kenway, **Knowing Stability In The Change**

I love this time of year, with the change of season into spring— seeing and feeling the sun more, the birds chirping, and flowers blooming. Yet with the change of season, it also makes me think of how life is always changing and how change isn't always easy

or good. At our recent banquet, I spoke again about the two foundations (taught about in Matthew 7) that we can build our lives upon— the ever-changing, shifting sands of culture and life, or the unchanging, steadfast ways of God. It brought to mind Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

There is a lot of change happening at YFC. Buildings are being refreshed, new equipment is being added for programs, and new staff are joining and being trained. Change often brings growth and new opportunities, but it can also come with challenges and adjustments along the way.

It reminds me of the many challenges youth experience in their own lives. Some changes are a natural part of growing up, while others can be more difficult— such as changing friendships, challenges at home, or health concerns. Through it all, we are grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside youth, offering support, encouragement, and hope during every season of life.

We all need consistency and reliability in our lives. And we, as humans, seek out safety, stability, and security. But we can only find those things in Christ. I'm grateful that through all of the unreliability and change I face in my life, I have God to rely upon. And while we're not perfect at YFC, through the resurrection power of Christ and His Spirit indwelling us, we can offer Him to the youth.

I love that through their changes and often tumultuous circumstances at home, school, with friends, and definitely from what they face in society, we get to offer the youth some consistency and stability in our weekly programs. It is a place where youth continue to comment that they have found friendship and belonging. We then get to direct them to Jesus, the only firm foundation, whom they can choose to build their lives upon or not. It becomes evident the more one's life is built upon the solid rock of Jesus.

I am so grateful that we get to do this work. It's only because of God's faithfulness shown through His people as they catch the vision and see the importance of this work. Thank you for being part of it!

HENDRÉ'S NEW BOOK HAS BEEN RELEASED GET A COPY TODAY

A STORY OF THE BRAVE RISE. THE SEVEN DRAGONS HUNT. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS FOUND. FOR YOUTH AN TEENS

SCAN TO GET YOUR COPY

PRAYER MINISTRY

TOGETHER, LET'S PRAY FOR THE TEENS OF THE COMOX VALLEY

PRAYER MEETING

9:30 AM FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Youth Unlimited™ YFC Comox Valley

HOODIE

Just GRAB NOW!

Seriously COZY

COMING SOON

Fashion that fuels faith— grab a YFC Branded Hoodie and support summer programs!

Youth Unlimited™
YFC COMOX VALLEY

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



@YOUTHUNLIMITED_CV



@YFCCV

PARTNER TODAY