

# Kyla's Calling

How God has been working through us

December 2015



Hello Friends!

It is a new year – both in the fact that it is now 2016, but also in that it has now been a year that I have worked with Mid-Way Christian Leadership. It has been a full and wonderful year and I hope that this can give an overview to the work that God has been doing. It will be in a different format than normal with the lessons I have learned, some highlights and lowlights as well as looking ahead to this next year.



The Christmas party  
in Nelson House

## What God has taught me

I have learned so much. In many ways it feels like I am a much different person than when 2015 began and I guess that I am. God has been pushing me to become more like him which also means that I am more myself than ever before. One big thing he has taught me is to rely on him for everything – wisdom, energy, housing, laptops, etc. He always has given me exactly what I need when I need it (and has even blessed me with things I don't). At almost every youth event, there are times when I have no idea what to say or how to relate and, when I remember to ask for wisdom, things come to my mind. I was recently sitting by a young lady I had never met. For those of you who don't know, I can have a really hard time talking to people I don't know. I feel really awkward and don't know how to relate or initiate. It was the same this time. I was sitting there knowing that I should say something but having no idea what it should be. I asked God that if he wanted me to talk to her, he would provide me with something to say. Right away, I noticed her sketchbooks and asked her about art. The conversation was able to continue and I hope and believe that she was able to leave knowing that she was cared for.



Chair Jenga

That leads to another lesson I have learned. Prayer is important and necessary, what's more, it changes things. It is still a huge struggle for me to spend time doing it but whenever I do, my heart seems to be more right and I feel better about the work I do.

God has also blessed me with a lot of freedom. At one point I struggled a lot with bitterness, self-righteousness and pride. I had the mindset that I could do everything by myself. However, I was a bit of a perfectionist so when I found I couldn't do it perfectly on my own, I gave up and stopped trying. While I still struggle with this, I have accepted that there is no way I can do anything good without God's help. It is so freeing to be able to admit that I need his help and then to not be alone or relying on my own power anymore.

I have also learned a lot about being disciplined. Discovered that self-discipline is a muscle and the more I use it, the stronger it gets. While it would not be at top strength yet, I believe that it has gained strength this year.

## Areas I have struggled

While I have grown tremendously, there have also been areas in which I have struggled and I believe that those are important to share so that you, my prayer warriors will be able to battle more effectively on my behalf. In spite of growing in humility, I still greatly struggle with pride. It is a constant struggle for me to do things for the right motivation - to make God look good and for his glory rather than my own.

It can also be hard to stay focused and motivated to put my energy into leading SALT every week. It is really easy to fall into a rut of doing the same thing every time since it is easiest rather than looking at what would actually be the most effective.

I don't like doing things that are uncomfortable. I guess nobody really does, but it has gotten in the way of me doing things I know I really need to do. Sometimes I feel inadequate or unprepared and, since I don't like that feeling, it is easy for me to avoid the task completely.



Another from the Christmas party

## Highlights

I have had many highlights in the last year, but overall there are a few that stand out. One big one is seeing the extent that relationships have grown. There has been a lot of trust built between the youth and I and I am excited to see how that will continue in this next year.

It's neat seeing the youth making little choices to do what is right. While I don't always notice at the moment, looking back I can see that there has been some growth. Sometimes asking to come to church with me, other times just paying attention while studying the Bible, volunteering to help clean something or asking whether we are going to have SALT that week.

One big highlight was watching some of the youth serve at camp. It was wonderful to see their willingness to be servant leaders and to do the hard work required. I also enjoyed the deepening of relationships that happened there.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see how God has provided for me. I have received so many encouraging care packages, letters and e-mails. I am humbled and honoured to know how many people pray for me daily. God has also provided me with what I need financially,

even making it possible to buy a house! Seeing this provision has deepened my trust in him. God is good!

## Anticipation

There are a number of things that I am looking forward to in this next year. Now in January the Saturday Afternoon Sunday School program will be beginning in Split Lake. Though I will be in charge of it, my hope is that it will be a chance to build the youth in leadership. That they will be mentored and grow in their relationship with Christ as a result.

At the end of the month, there is another program that will begin, this time in Thompson. My co-workers and myself have noticed a huge loss in people following Christ after they graduate high school. There is much less available for them – especially those that haven't been attending a church. We are in the process of planning for a group that will be for people from the ages of approximately 15-25 that are wanting to have a space to grow. My hope is that, rather than it being a relationship where I am the "boss" and the youth are following behind, it will be more of a friendship where together we can grow towards Christ. It will most likely be happening on Wednesday evenings in my living room.

Thank you all for sticking with me this year. It's encouraging for me to see how God has been working through us and I look forward to seeing what he will do in 2016.

### Prayer Items

- ~ Thank God for his faithfulness this year
- ~ Pray for the new Sunday School and other group
- ~ Praise God that my mom's surgery went well
- ~ For diligence in my work
- ~ For adaptability and humility as I get used to living with a new roommate
- ~ For discipline in my relationship with Christ
- ~ For love and courage in reaching out to new people

In Christ,

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