

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.
~ Luke 1:68 ~

Dear family and friends of Quinte Youth Unlimited (YFC),

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There's something special about Christmas that brings out the *child* in everyone. Snow balls and sledding remind us to be playful. Ugly sweaters contests remind us of being care free. The presents and cheque in Grandma's cards remind us that giving is fun! Almost everyone gets a *youthful* smile on their face... except the Grinch and Scrooge.

This Christmas, Youth for Christ would like to remind you to be like a *child*. Jesus said "unless you change and become like little *children*, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven". In other words: Stop worrying. Step out in faith. Follow Jesus into the great adventure. By the way, how do we know that heaven will be fun? It will be full of *children*!

At YFC we often have *child-like* experiences. In a recent game of pool with a teenager named Jason*, we jokingly said the winner would get 1 million dollars. As the game progressed, so did the ridiculous amount. I confidently declared "Let's raise the stakes to 2 billion dollars!" Then I missed the black eight ball and lost the game. See the picture below of me giving him a \$2,000,000.00 cheque (dated 2099).

It was fun, but my goal was just to help that teen have a fun experience so he will come back. The greater goal is when *youth* feel the love from Christians who volunteer each day. And the ultimate goal is when *children and youth* hear and accept the gift of Jesus Christ!

Will you become like little children this Christmas?

I'm inviting you to throw a snow ball. Go sledding. Wear an ugly sweater. And experience the joy of giving by writing a cheque. Ask God if he is calling you to give a Christmas donation gift to YFC this year that will help us share the Gospel with hundreds of youth.

The child in the manger is inviting you to become like little *children*, not Scrooge. Merry Christmas!

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