

# Life STORIES



## Glad to be Back.

### How cute is this baby...

Thank you for your continued support of us here at YFC! **We're still sitting at 90% of our monthly support, but have a large enough surplus to keep us going for the next year!**

The last couple years were incredibly hard, but we're looking forward to the future and what God has in store for us with a new leader at the helm!

**Thank you for the love, prayer and support you've given us! Your gifts are changing lives!**

*Evan & Rebecca*

## Quality Time with Quality People

Our summer was a massive blessing to us. **Being able to figure out being parents while also having the chance to see family and make memories with friends was awesome!** It was an abrupt change to come back to work mid-August, but I felt rested and ready to return!

Pictured above was one of the great memories from this summer. **Our Saskatchewan men's ball hockey team managed to get a national silver medal while the women's and master's teams won gold!** Marka got used to being at the rink and the three of us enjoyed making memories around Southern Ontario!

**We also got to spend some time with family at the lake this summer and it was wonderful.** We really enjoyed disconnecting and being out in the bush! Travelling with an infant is definitely a much larger endeavour than originally thought, but we managed to make it out ok!

I came back to work on August 15th to one of the hardest weeks of my time at YFC. **An attendee of our young moms' program lost her two year old daughter in mid-August. The family asked us at YFC to help run the funeral so we stepped in to help.** It was an incredibly hard week, but we had the opportunity to serve this family, helping them feel loved and cared for. **Some things in life just suck, but we believe there is hope in the midst of the worst circumstances. That Jesus gives us peace in these moments, even if we don't understand.**

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33*





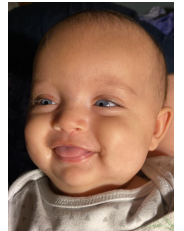
Being able to cheer on some of these students was such a privilege for us. So many of these students have a hard time being celebrated, but **we got the opportunity to be there for them and show that we're in their corner.**

The high school grad in the picture was a crazy circumstance. With **ten days before** grad the school gave him a massive workload with promise to let him walk the stage if he finished it. After some long days with his nose in a book, he pulled it off and was incredibly proud of himself! He finished his work with only a couple days left, had to get a rush tuxedo rental and barely had time to find shoes for himself! Either way, **we're super proud of this guy having seen him grow up these last ten years. It's definitely the best part of this job.**



Seeing the turnout for some of these kids was heartbreaking. These are milestones that people are supposed to be excited about, but no one shows up for these students. It's hard to slug through the pain of education when there's no one in your corner cheering you on, showing you its value. **We're just glad we get to be the ones to show up for these guys.**

This is just a cute baby picture. Because I do that now.



*Celebrating our fantastic graduates!*

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Jeff Siemens, our NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!*

## Meet our New Executive Director!

On behalf of the SYFC Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to introduce **our new Executive Director, Jeff Siemens.** Some of you may be acquainted with him from his previous roles as a youth pastor, camp director, or as an associate pastor as he served the last 10 years at West Portal Church. Jeff is passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, making disciples and partnering with local churches. We are delighted to have Jeff join us as our leader.

**The last two-plus years have been a challenging time** for most everyone, including SYFC. Not only has our team adapted their ministry to the ever-changing Covid restrictions, but they've also been without an Executive Director.

**We owe a debt of gratitude to Evan Peters, Corwin Thiessen and Kristin**

**Clark** (who has since moved on), for their faithful ministry as interim Executive Directors. As well, **YFC's staff should be commended for their determination and creativity** in pursuing innovative ways to connect with young people despite the circumstances of the last couple years.

Finally, **as a Board we want to also recognize you, our supporters, for your faithfulness in prayer, financial giving and volunteering.** All of these are priceless gifts. May God bless each of you abundantly.

So we praise God for his provision for YFC Saskatoon | Youth Unlimited. Join us in giving thanks to Him!

Rob Neufeld  
YFC Saskatoon Board Chair