

Dear Friends,

In just four short months of the school year, over 200 young lives have encountered the transformative love of God. The expansion of our outreach to Huntington Station and the initiation of new partnerships with dedicated believers who answered the call to mentor, pray, and sponsor our ministry sites have been pivotal moments in our journey.

God, Immanuel, is making a profound impact, meeting kids right where they are—in coffee shops, parks, classrooms, school cafeterias, community centers, church sanctuaries, and even the Juvenile Detention Center. In these diverse spaces, He is weaving a tapestry of hope, joy, and community, replacing despair with faith and loneliness with the strength of belonging.

As we look toward 2024, we are filled with expectancy. To further enhance our impact, we are diligently building community support teams to adopt every club and site. Our vision is that every student not only encounters the life-changing message of the gospel but also receives the skills and tools needed to lead productive lives and become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and helping us extend the love of Christ to every youth, everywhere.

Merry Christmas!
Beria Gaxiola, Executive Director

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"
Matthew 1:23

"I've experienced hope and I can't keep it to myself."



If you had told Bonnie two years ago that today she would be serving as a leader in her school's Christian club, she would have laughed. But after years of encouragement from her parents and a transformative encounter with Jesus, she came to not only fall in love with God but wanted others to feel the same. The girl who was once admittedly bitter towards Christianity and struggling with depression described how grateful she is for the club in her school, and the impact she believes it has.

"I'm grateful for our club because I made friends who think the way I do, and I love that we can encourage others too. I think people are hurt, but like me, they can be healed."

Ashley, the club's president echoed those feelings, adding,

"Outside of church, I didn't have a Christian community. I love that we have a space in our school where everyone is welcome and we can dive deep into the Word"

Every day in schools across Long Island, teens are boldly proclaiming their faith. Our staff and volunteers work closely with these student leaders to empower and equip them to impact their peers.

Will you pray for them this holiday season?



Pray With Us

DOUBLE DECEMBER CHALLENGE



This December, seize the Double December Challenge!
Two generous donors will match your gifts, doubling their impact up to \$50,000.

Join us in amplifying our impact and making a lasting difference in young lives through the Gospel.

Will you accept the challenge?

Donate at liyfc.org/doubledecember or scan the QR code.

Let's double the joy this December!

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS



Hope is often found in the darkest of places and in the most difficult circumstances. That was certainly James' experience at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC).

For two years, our staff has been working with James, a Christian teen who found himself in trouble after falling in with the wrong crowd. James was encouraged to know that there was a community of believers praying for him, and shared that he believed God was with him throughout his incarceration.

Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) Director, Stephen noted:

"It was through James' time in jail where he was able to experience the faithfulness of God in the darkest places and moments of his life. Experiencing God's love in his life has motivated him to dedicate his life to Jesus Christ - wanting to live a better more fulfilling life once he is released."

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Save The Date

We're turning 65!
Join us in celebrating our milestones, memories, and moments on May 3, 2024 at our Annual Fundraising Dinner!

