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Leah's Journey

Leah*, 14, knows what it's like to live between two worlds. Because her parents are divorced, she splits her time between Anacortes, WA, and another state. She is constantly adjusting to different homes, communities, and expectations. That kind of instability can leave a young person feeling unanchored.

Last year, Leah was introduced to Youth Dynamics in Anacortes and met staff member Kayleigh McClay. Kayleigh welcomed her with open arms, building a relationship rooted in trust and authenticity. Leah opened up about the tug-of-war in her heart, torn between fitting in with peers and exploring what it might mean to follow Jesus.

This past summer, Leah joined a Youth Dynamics rafting trip on the remote Owyhee River, a weeklong adventure packed with hundreds of rapids and deeper encounters with the Gospel. Additionally, Leah got connected to a local church. Together, these influences changed the course of Leah's life, and the seeds of faith took root.

Not long after, Leah said yes to following Jesus and made the bold decision to be baptized by her local church. When Kayleigh asked her what led to that step, Leah shared, *"I've been trying to find God for the past couple of years. But this time, I felt like He was saying it's time to get serious about my faith."*

Kayleigh continues to walk with Leah, because at Youth Dynamics, the adventure is just the beginning. Through your prayers and support, youth like Leah are finding Jesus and learning to walk with Him for life.

Thank you for helping make stories like Leah's possible!



Kayleigh McClay
Community Staff
Anacortes, Washington

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*Name changed for privacy.

Life is an Adventure, Who's Your Guide?

At Youth Dynamics, we love the phrase: "Life is an adventure, who's your Guide?" It's more than a motto; it reflects the heart of our ministry.

Today's youth are navigating a world of noise, pressure, and confusion. But when they unplug from distractions and step into the wilderness, their hearts open. On over 200 adventure trips this past summer, thousands of students encountered beauty, truth, and the Gospel. We invite every young person to consider Jesus as the One who can guide their lives, and many say yes!

One youth, often overwhelmed by anxiety, shared: *"I know now that it's okay to be afraid. God won't fail me. Even when life feels terrible, He's got me."*

But our ministry doesn't stop after the trip. Adventure often opens the door, but relationships keep it open. Throughout the year, our staff and ministry partners continue walking with students through mentorship, discipleship, and ministry programs.

Whether it's Bible studies, weekly events, or just showing up in their everyday lives, we're committed to helping youth grow in their faith long after the raft is put away or the trail is behind them.

When Jesus is your Guide:

- He brings light to your darkest moments (John 8:12).
- He shows you the way forward (John 14:6).
- He reminds you that you're never alone (Hebrews 13:5).
- He assures you that you are deeply loved (Romans 8:38–39).

Because of your support, young people are discovering that life truly is an adventure, and Jesus is the Guide they can trust every step of the way. Thank you!



Tom Davis

Tom Davis, President

PRAY WITH US FOR:

- Young people to discover peace in Christ.
- Ministry teams will transition smoothly from the summer's activities to the school year schedule.
- Staff would experience God's generosity in their support raising.
- God will open up doors for new ministry opportunities.

PRAISE REPORT!

Why I Said Yes to Youth Dynamics

My name is Aaron Bevier, and this is part of my journey to join Youth Dynamics. I live in a small, rural town in Washington called Tonasket. After the pandemic, I spent a year as a substitute teacher in our school district. It was fulfilling but challenging. Whether in the classroom, hallways, or playground, I felt the need to share the hope of Christ with kids—but I couldn't do that in the school setting.

Around that time, my son was entering 6th grade, and I realized there were no youth ministries left in our community. Nearly all had disappeared during COVID. My wife and I felt convicted to begin something to meet that need. I had been close friends with Youth Dynamics' staff member Bronco Huge for 16 years, and after conversations with him and another staff member, they asked me to prayerfully consider joining Youth Dynamics full-time. It was a no-brainer! I came on staff in the fall of 2023, following the Lord's leading to reach youth in Tonasket.

I felt honored to be called, but I wrestled with self-doubt. I was still recovering from a roofing accident that initially left me with memory loss and unable to walk or read. I was unsure if I could keep up with the adventure ministry—rafting, rock climbing, hiking, and more. Then I realized young people feel the same fears—nervous, incapable, overwhelmed. If I stepped into it with them, side by side, it could grow bonds and point them to Christ.

Now, at 44, I work with adventure guides, some young enough to be my kids, and I love it. Through Youth Dynamics Adventures and Community Ministries, we create space for students to shrug off distractions and discover abundant life in Jesus.

This ministry has grown my heart in thankfulness. It calls me to daily excellence—professionally, personally, and spiritually. Though I live far from most staff, I've never felt alone. Their love and support have brought me to tears. Locally, our churches and partners have been incredible, reminding me this work is not just me—it is all of us together in Christ. And above all, I'm thankful for Christ Himself—His grace, mercy, strength, and humility sustain me every day.



Aaron Bevier
Community Director
Tonasket, Washington

Discovering Peace

Each year, Youth Dynamics provides an opportunity for you to make a special year-end gift to support a staff member, an area or base, a special project, or the Youth Dynamics general fund. Your gift will help more youth discover life in Christ.

The theme this year is **Discovering Peace**. John 14:27 (NIV) says: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* In a world where we are all pulled in many different directions every day, Youth Dynamics is here to help youth discover peace in an ever-changing world.



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Pictured: Youth Dynamics founder Paul Evans and young people on the river and in prayer.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Give to the general fund. yd.org/donate
- Volunteer with a community or base. yd.org/volunteer-opportunities
- Make a Year-End Gift. Bless a staff member, an area or base, a special project, or the general fund. yd.org/christmas
- Adventure Scholarship Fund. Make a special gift to help youth in need attend adventure trips and leadership programs. yd.org/asf
- Leave a Legacy. Consider including Youth Dynamics in your planned giving or estate plans. yd.org/legacy-giving

