



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 21 students and 4 staff from Mid-Columbia left home a week-long ministry training camp near Salem. The camp was Christian Youth in Action, and is the official State-Training camp for the CEF ministry, CYIA. Throughout the week, 86 students from across Oregon were trained to effectively share the gospel with children of all ages. Some even had the opportunity to share the gospel with adults during the open air aspect of the training. The main ministry during the week, was 5-Day clubs, of which over 20 were held across the Salem area. Between Monday and Friday, the CYIA teens reached nearly 500 kids, of which 66 accepted the Lord into their lives for the first time. Throughout the week, CYIA teens and kids at club were able to raise \$3,500 for a missions project in Rwanda, a small country in Eastern-Central Africa.

Those praises being said, it was a pretty different CYIA for me personally. I had a lot more responsibility being a Team Trainer and Cabin Counselor, so maybe I wasn't totally ready for being staff, but instead of me feeling poured into, I feel like my purpose this CYIA was to pour into others. I was super blessed to lead the team I had, even if we only had kids 2 out of 5 days. The boys in my cabin made me so proud and I was so moved by their hearts for the Lord even at the age they were. I was in a cabin with 12-13 year olds, and it was so encouraging to hear them share thoughts during evening devotions and hear each and every one of them step up and pray within the group so passionately, which is something I wasn't used to from that age group.

The last week of June, we taught our first local 5-Day Clubs in Carson and Hood River. Across both clubs, we had 30 kids in attendance, who were able to raise over \$200 for the Rwanda missions project. As team trainer, this was the first year at 5-Day Club that I didn't teach the kids, and instead oversaw our team of 7 teachers (an abnormally large team). On the last day of club, after much prayer, a young boy accepted Jesus as his savior in Hood River. One of the churches we were at had been praying for a stronger children's ministry, and on the last day, the pastor prayed to close club, thanking God for us through tears. The week was, to me, a great reminder to God's goodness and the power of prayer.



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Club team the last week of June

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Thank you for your prayers and support.

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