



Guiding the unchurched to discover Christ

"I have now accepted Jesus Christ as my saviour. I have become a new Christian, and I know I have made the right choice. One of the most important dreams to me now is to learn everything I can about my saviour."
S. J. Armidale district, NSW

"The camp was so fun, it was great. The talks were very good. It was extreme. I hope I can do well at school this year and find out more about Jesus Christ."
M. J. Eastern beaches, Sydney, NSW

"This week I decided to let go of my burdens. I have let Jesus into my life and my leader is going to help me find a good church for me to try. My aim this year is to be a good Christian... and learn how to spell."
H.D. Eastern suburbs, Melbourne, VIC



The Young Life Australia Ministry Model

Volunteers in Schools program – We place trained local Christians to serve the many and varied needs of a local secondary school and make contact with the student body in the school context. We also supply Chaplains to schools when and where we can.

Club – As our volunteers in schools connect and build friendships with young people we invite them to participate in our 'Club' program. 'Club' is a historical name given to a regular outreach event that uses music, humour, games and a brief Gospel message.

Camp – Each year hundreds of young people from around Australia flock to our camps for the most important week of their lives. It's a time of extreme fun and also a rare opportunity for many to consider just who exactly Jesus is and how much God loves them.

Small Groups – Young people meet in small groups with their volunteer leader to discuss issues of faith, hope and life. This is when church partnership strategies are so important, so that we can integrate these young people into Church faith communities for the long haul.

Area Committees – A team of committed adults who bring organisational flair and financial accountability to area-specific involvement on a volunteer basis. This structure allows local churches to be more fully engaged in partnership to ensure the vision, direction and sustainability for localised mission work.

Contact Young Life Australia

If you would like to partner with Young Life Australia, please call our national office on 1300 557 647 or send an email to office@younglife.org.au and we will get back to you.

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Crossing the divide

Connecting young Australians with Christian churches.



Making connections that count

Young Life Australia is an inter-denominational Christian ministry committed to reaching out to young people with a message of salvation and making a positive, lasting impact on their lives.

For over 35 years in Australia and over 65 years internationally, Young Life has been providing guidance, and building self-esteem and faith in the lives of young people who do not yet know Jesus. We achieve this by assisting adults from local churches to build significant relationships with unchurched teenagers, at secondary schools, the local skate ramp, the shopping mall, and wherever young people hang out.

Specially trained, fully screened volunteers from local churches leave the world of work and uni and go back into the world of teenagers. These talented people walk the talk and are enthusiastic, motivated and compassionate.

It's all about making relational connections that count, through a long-term discipleship process. And our volunteers understand that sometimes all a young person really wants is someone to talk to.

The Young Life approach

Young Life aims to build confidence, values and resilience in Australia's teenagers through significant relationships with adults who model the love of Jesus Christ.

Our vision is to strive for excellence in positively impacting unchurched young people of secondary school age for Christ, with the resultant transformation of the wider community.

Partners in outreach

According to the National Church Life Survey results released in 2007, only 6% of young Australians aged 15-19 yrs attend church. This leaves around 1.86 million people in the age group who are not connected with the Christian faith and not part of a local congregation.

Young Life is not a church and it is not another youth group looking to engage young people from the church. Instead it is a complementary outreach ministry seeking to help local churches connect with the 94% of young people who have never attended church or have become disconnected from the Christian community.

Our aim is to bring more teenagers into a relationship with Christ and link them with local churches where they can be nurtured. We do this by placing Christian adult leaders in schools and wherever young people gather in their local area.

Young people are introduced to Jesus Christ through the relationships they develop with these adult leaders that they come to know and trust. These teenagers can then be connected into their leader's local church, where they can continue their faith journey in good hands.

Our mission together

Through partnership, Young Life Australia can provide your church with:

- The ability to build connections with local high schools.
- Opportunities for church members to engage in local mission.
- Training of volunteer leaders in our relational evangelism.
- A regular outreach program for teens not in church programs.
- Camping programs designed to reach unchurched teenagers.
- Ongoing support, advice and favourable community exposure.



In return, our church partners can:

- Involve new believers in congregations of vibrant churches.
- Supply enthusiastic leaders to reach out to unchurched youth.
- Provide prayer support in response to needs and challenges.
- Invest financial resources for our combined outreach efforts.
- Arrange volunteers to help in the governance of local outreach.

The Young Life Australia difference

"Redlands Church of Christ recently joined in partnership with Young Life Australia. We applaud their mission, which in the simplest sense is to bring the words of Christ to young people all over the world, and to create positive, life-impacting, peer and mentoring relationships in the process. We felt a strong need as a church to find effective ways to connect with and to provide opportunities for the youth in our church. They are our future as a church, and we knew that we needed to invest meaningfully into their lives. It is our belief that our partnership with Young Life will go a long way to meeting that need, and in fact, is already doing so."

Chris Guise – Pastor, Redlands Church of Christ
Cnr Allenby & McMillan Rds, Alexandra Hills, Queensland 4161

"Our church has been supporting Young Life Maroondah in prayer and with some money for a couple of years and we're amazed and delighted by the results. We really want to see the good news about Jesus widely proclaimed in our suburb and the Young Life team has the credibility with the kids. So, Young Life does some of the things our church can't do and in return we make possible some of Young Life's ministry through our partnership - this partnership is the Body of Christ in operation. Another huge benefit is the Christian witness which Young Life staff and volunteers have been to our church kids. Now our church kids can see the gospel being relevant and vital in their circles."

Mark Hanson, Vicar - Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park
PO Box 4001, Croydon Hills, Victoria, 3136

"The impact of Young Life on the growth of Christian City Church is difficult to overstate. Today, former Young Life leaders can be found making significant and creative contributions in our churches and ministries throughout the CCC movement."

Dr Phil Pringle, Senior Minister and Founder, CCC Oxford Falls, NSW 2100

