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# younglife BRAZORIA COUNTY

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*Summer Camping is just  
around the corner!*

*As usual, we're taking BIG trips this  
coming summer! Will you join us in  
praying for the students God will call to  
the adventure of their lives?*

*For more information on how you can  
sign up your child for the best week of  
their lives, visit [brazoria.younglife.org](http://brazoria.younglife.org)*



## ✕ INTRODUCING ✕ OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those  
who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

*Romans 8:28*

Earlier this summer our former Area Director, Kyle Cordell, was called to transition away from Young Life and into a new career. While we'll greatly miss Kyle and his considerable talents, we've been hard at work with Young Life's regional staff and are proud to welcome our

new permanent director, Nam Nguyen! While Nam is new to



our area, he's no stranger to the mission of Young Life. Nam previously served as a volunteer

leader for 12 years and has most recently filled the role of interim director in his former area, Fayette County, Georgia.

## Save The Date!

*We have an incredible spring  
planned and want to invite you  
to be a part of it!*

*Ready, set, mark your calendars!*

### 10th Annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

*April 14th, 2014*

Knock the rust off your swing and come out for an incredible day of fun, food, laughter, and prizes!

### 8th Annual Crawfish Boil

*May 4th, 2014*

Join us for the feast of a lifetime! Proceeds from the boil will help send kids to camp for the best week of their lives!





# Snap Shots...

We're blessed to have three different programs, all under one banner, here in Brazoria County. Young Life is specifically geared for high school students. WyldLife is for junior high. And YoungLives is tailored specifically for teen moms and dads.

Though they may have different names, their hearts beat as one. We create safe, healthy environments where adult leaders can step into the lives of our teenage friends and win the right to be heard! Here are just a few highlights from the year:

## SUMMER TRIP DATES:

**6/8 - 6/13**

YoungLives  
Camp Buckner

**7/1 - 7/5**

WyldLife  
Camp Buckner

**7/12 - 7/20**

Young Life  
Crooked Creek Ranch

**7/26 - 8/2**

Young Life  
Wilderness Ranch



## YOUNG LIFE

It's been an incredible year! Because of the impact Young Life had on their own lives, several of our graduated students returned in order to become volunteer leaders! We also saw *seven* of our teenage friends begin a relationship with Jesus over the summer. We've started a new tradition of fall weekend camping, and much more!



## WYLDLIFE

We've rebooted WyldLife and couldn't be more excited! This year we trained and placed three adult leaders and eight school student leaders on our team and have been pursuing the friendships



of students at Pearland Junior High East. We've gotten to know lots of kids already but can still use more help! Will you join us in praying that God would continue to open the doors for us as we build a deep rooted junior high program? We want to reach every student in our county!

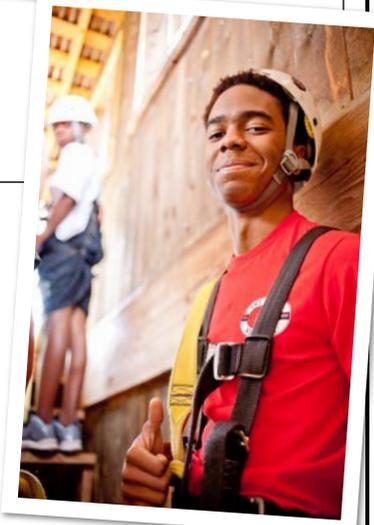
## YOUNGLIVES

This is our third year in YoungLives and God has begun to multiply His fruit throughout this mission! Last summer, three girls crossed over from death to *life* as they began a relationship with Jesus! We've also grown our team as we've trained and placed more mentors... and we even have mentors for our teen dads now! What a gift to be able to walk alongside these young parents. That said, like WyldLife and Young Life, we need more leaders! Check out [brazoria.younglife.org](http://brazoria.younglife.org) to see how you can get involved!





# Matt's Story



Matt is a student at one of our local high schools. He has been raised in a broken home and has no memory of his father before a few months ago. He is the youngest of three children and is the last at home with his mother. Perhaps more than most teenagers his age, Crooked Creek Ranch provided Matt a much needed escape from the daily reality of his home life. Just days before camp, Matt learned that his mother would be going to jail and would miss the rest of his time in high school. Perhaps because of this, Matt fully engaged in camp's activities from the start. Though a bit reluctant from fear, he was always open and willing to try new things... new experiences and new distractions. In one of our early cabin times, he was asked to tell about one of the best moments or days of his life. I can still see the grin on Matt's face as he answered, "today." The gospel hit Matt differently than some of his peers that week. He is already familiar with the idea that the world is broken and that we have an incredible

need. However, Matt learned about a different God than he was used to... he learned about a God of love and of hope... a personal God who cares about him specifically and wants to engage him in even the details of his life. This was drastically different than the distant God that he imaged. While Matt has yet to accept this good news and gift from God, I'm excited to continue walking alongside him as he wrestles the idea of grace and peace as we lay our hope upon Jesus. He has learned over his lifetime to rely only on himself and that nothing is truly just given to him. During our one-on-one time, he told me "I'm not quite there yet... but I want to know more about Jesus." I believe God has great things in store for Matt!

## OUR STAFF



Nam Nguyen  
*Area Director*



Dani Fortinberry  
*Staff Associate*



Leah Gonzales  
*Area Administrator*



# We need your help!

Young Life is a non-profit organization and would not be possible without the support and generosity of people like you. We have great plans for our future! Not only do we aim to grow deep rooted, sustainable programs - We also hope to launch three additional teams at new schools over the next two years. We're currently praying about creating a program specifically geared for students with disabilities as well. It's an incredible time to dream and plan, but we need your help to get there. Will you consider supporting Young Life in one of the following three ways? We couldn't do this without you!

*"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us." 1 Thessalonians 2:8*



## Giving Financially

Giving to Young Life Brazoria County is easy. You can set up your tax-deductible gift online at [brazoria.younglife.org](http://brazoria.younglife.org). The donation link is located on the top right of the homepage and is labeled "Give." You can also give directly by mailing your support in the enclosed envelope to our local office.

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In order for contributions to be included for the current calendar year, physical donations must be received by the **end of the business day Tuesday, December 31st 2013**. Gifts made via credit card or EFT must be received by 11:59pm (Eastern time) on December 31st.

## Becoming a Leader

Are you crazy about high school or junior high students? Are you a follower, seeker, and pursuer of Jesus? If so, then we want you to consider being a volunteer leader with Young Life Brazoria County. If you say "yes" to make an investment in kids' lives, we promise to make an investment in yours. Say yes and hold on, because we promise, it's going to be the ride of your life!

## Joining Our Committee

Our committee is the foundation for Young Life in our area. Comprised of parents, Young Life alumni, and leaders in the community, the committee provides financial, administrative, and moral support for our volunteer teams. In short, they make it possible for us to be sent out in the world of teenagers! For more information on becoming a leader or joining our committee, please visit [brazoria.younglife.org](http://brazoria.younglife.org).

