

## Missionfest & YQ!



This past May, Rock Solid Refuge presented at Missionfest Manitoba and at both of Briercrest's Youth Quake retreats.

It was an honor to be asked to present at these events, sharing our knowledge on pornography, depression and the importance of the home mission field.

Being able to reach teens, youth workers, and missionaries in this way is such a blessing. We believe that God is doing incredible work through these events, and it's humbling to be asked to participate in this manner.



## Substance Abuse Series

It is difficult to watch someone you love struggle with substance abuse. It can be even harder to know what you can do to help them through such a significant struggle.

Our team has created a three-part video series to help you understand addiction and how you can help the young people in your life fight the temptation that the drug and party lifestyle offers.

You can watch the substance abuse series, along with *A Parent's Perspective* video series, by visiting [RockSolidRefuge.com/series](http://RockSolidRefuge.com/series)



## Looking for a change of pace?

Rock Solid Refuge is hiring! Make a difference in the lives of struggling teens by living your faith and ministering directly to them as a career! Rock Solid Refuge is hiring in the following roles:

- Teacher

- Youth Care Worker

Volunteer and Internship opportunities are also available. Please send your resume to [jobs@rocksolidrefuge.com](mailto:jobs@rocksolidrefuge.com) and begin a new chapter in your life today!



## Summer projects underway!

We are incredibly grateful for the volunteers who came at the beginning of May and helped pour a new concrete floor and spray foam the workout gym. The gym is being refurbished to serve as a year-round exercise space that will allow the students to be active and let off steam even during the freezing Saskatchewan winters.

Over the summer, there are additional moving and building projects taking place on site at Rock Solid Refuge. Make sure to follow on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all the goings-on!



Our summer projects will take significant resources and labour. To find out how you can help, please email Dallas at [dblock@rocksolidrefuge.com](mailto:dblock@rocksolidrefuge.com)

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## What is your hope in?

In the fall I spoke at a missions conference in Regina where the theme was "Jesus is the Hope of the World". I have recently had the privilege of speaking in a couple local churches, and I was drawn to present that key message. It is the central, non-negotiable reality that must be understood in our broken world.

Three realities that come forward in this:

1. We all put our hope in something. And what we put our hope in, is also what or who we worship. Ed Welch, author of *Addictions, A Banquet in the Grave*, would say addictions is a worship disorder. Where is your hope? Who do you trust—and therefore worship—more than anyone else?
2. Is Jesus your only hope? This is personal. Most of us are very familiar with Jesus conversation with Nicodemus in John 3. Jesus explicitly says, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." This is a very personal matter. Are you born again? Have you turned in faith and repentance to Jesus as your only hope for now and eternity?
3. As much as belief in Jesus Christ is a personal matter, it's not a private matter. Jesus was lifted up on the cross publicly, the apostles spoke boldly in public, and Jesus commissioned all Christians to take the good news to all peoples.



Here at Rock Solid Refuge, we see in powerful ways that our students (and often their families) have put their hope in things and people other than God. We believe at the deepest level that they need to believe and repent, personally, for both salvation and transformation. In believing and repenting, God grants the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower our transformation.

Finally, we believe that their lives are meant to advance the Kingdom of God. If Jesus taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven", then we are to work towards the goodness of God in the world. That good is both the salvation of souls, and the change from a destructive life to a life that blesses and encourages.

I am grateful every day for your partnership. Because of you, the students and their families are discovering the hope of the world: Jesus Christ.

God Bless you this summer!

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## Summer time!

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes all the great warm-weather activities that happen out at Rock Solid Refuge. On top of the summer work projects, the students will be taking part in camping trips, horse back riding, fishing, hiking and, of course, Family Camp!

The heart of Rock Solid Refuge is restoring the relationships between our students and their families. Family Camp is a great opportunity to bring them all together in a neutral environment that fosters restoration. It creates a safe place for change in teens and their parents who are often both lost and broken.

Family Camp is an especially meaningful time for the young men and their families:

- Time to reconnect
- Time to grow
- Time to heal

Family camp is the most critical event of the year for the ministry of Rock Solid Refuge. But it comes with increased expenses.

With Family Camp at the end of summer (a time when donations tend to slow down as projects, activities, and expenses grow) would you consider making a generous gift today to help Rock Solid Refuge through these typically dry months and help bring families together?

You can give through the slip included with this newsletter, by calling 306.297.3663, or through our website: [www.RockSolidRefuge.com](http://www.RockSolidRefuge.com)



## Congratulations, Dean!

Dean is the most recent Graduate from the Rock Solid Refuge program! Dean graduated on May 8th, but remained at RSR to finish his school year. Be in prayer for Dean as his time with us comes to an end and he moves forward in what God has for him next!



*"It was not an easy decision to come to RSR, yet it I knew it would be better for me. Some days have been really hard. I still have a lot to learn and I am still trying to understand everything that happened in my past. It has taken me time to make sense of what has happened and figure it all out. I am especially grateful for James, the counsellor, helping me with my anger."*

- Dean



## A New Path

The next student to Graduate from the Rock Solid Refuge program is Josh. Josh is on track to graduate near the end of August.

Josh has worked hard to overcome the struggles of his past, and the relationships he has built at Rock Solid Refuge are making an incredible difference in his life!



Watch Josh's testimony at our website [www.rocksolidrefuge.com/a-new-path](http://www.rocksolidrefuge.com/a-new-path)

## Partner for Change

Young men like Dean & Josh are finding freedom from addiction and life-controlling issues because people like you support them through Partner for Change at Rock Solid Refuge.

Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, RSR alumni, families, churches... These are just a few examples of the types of those who support the recovery of teens through Partner for Change.

By signing up, you will receive updates on your student's progress, an invitation to his graduation, and the knowledge that you are helping families across Canada find freedom and hope through Christ.

Will you help bring much-needed hope to struggling Canadian families today?

Learn more about Partner for Change at [RockSolidRefuge.com/sponsor](http://RockSolidRefuge.com/sponsor)

