Life & Ministry.

MYSELF & MY PASSIONS.

I'd like to spend a bit of time telling you about myself, my life journey, and where God has and is continuing to lead my steps. My name is Charlotte Toney and I am married to one of my favourite people, Alex Toney, living in a tiny basement suite in Langley, BC. We have a passion for hospitality, good food, adventure and loving others well.

I personally have a deep passion for our younger generation. After years of seeking a career as a professional baker, I was surprisingly redirected. In 2007 I took an 8 ½ month youth work program called Lifeteams, a ministry within Youth Unlimited *(also known as Youth for Christ)*. Lifeteams trains young adults to step into the lives of young people who need to know the life-changing love of Jesus. While living for 8 ½ months within a community of others who share the same heart, students learn through an experience-based cycle of hearing, doing, and reflecting. This program has engaged me in a journey that has continued far beyond that year. I continued to dive into global and local missions, investing my heart into caring for the hearts of young people and our broken world.

w: lifeteams.ca

FOLLOWING THE TUG.

At the end of 2014 I began to feel a tug on my heart as God prepared my way to becoming a part of the ministry of Youth Unlimited (*Youth Unlimited is a chartered member of Youth Unlimited Canada and part of Youth for Christ, an international, non-denominational Christian ministry founded in the early 1940's*). This organization is a non-profit, and we rely solely on the generosity of donors who support all staff, as well as our operations. So, in the summer of 2015, I began to build a financial and prayer support network and officially started full time as a missional youth worker in October 2015.

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YOUTH UNLIMITED PASSIONATELY ENGAGES.

At Youth Unlimited, we passionately believe in the potential of each young person with whom we interact, and are dedicated to providing opportunities for them to lead what Jesus calls 'life to the full.'

Youth Unlimited is a progressive Christian organization that meets vulnerable youth (ages 12-25) where they are, connecting with them through a myriad of programs that foster their mental, physical, social, spiritual and emotional well-being. Our programming is responsive to the needs of youth within the community. It is diverse and includes teen parent support groups, social justice initiatives, popular sports and activities, creative arts, mentoring, food programs, counselling and much more. We also greatly appreciate the benefits of partnering with schools, community groups, associations, or working directly with families.

I have the amazing opportunity alongside 70+ staff to be involved in going to the edges, leaning into stories and showing up in young lives. We get to participate with Jesus through this ministry in bringing Shalom to the young people of His world (wholeness of relationship back to his people, with Himself, creation and ourselves).

— Now that is something great to be a part of!

w : youthunlimited.com

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY PROVIDES BELONGING.

I specifically spend my time with Young Families Youth Unlimited ministry in Surrey.

This ministry provides a safe, supportive environment and a place of belonging and acceptance for young parents. I co-facilitate an l8 month lifeskills program called Thrive. This program is designed to empower young moms, age 16-24, to improve their quality of life, to navigate through life's challenges, and to strive toward a life of purpose, restoration and hope. Through Thrive, 85% of moms have broken their cycle of poverty and are in post-secondary schooling or have found sustainable employment. Young families is committed to seeing families restored and lives transformed.

w : youngfamilies.com
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Photo: Thrive program participants & staff of 2017/18

THANK YOU.

Thank you so much for reading a bit of my heart and the ministry of Youth Unlimited. May we all grasp a little deeper how wide, long, high and deep God's love is and how He is inviting us to participate with Him in sharing it with others.

Much love,

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