

Youth Alive

Southern New England



God's Call To Reach Students

Youth Alive exists to empower students, connect leaders, and reach schools. The greatest mission field in America is the local Middle/High School. So many young people feel like they are stuck, anxiously waiting to graduate. The heart of Youth Alive is to empower students to see their school, not as just another thing they have to get through, but as a mission field to be reached.



Students

My heart is to empower students to be the voice of Christ in their schools. We provide resources and discipleship training for students to be encouraged as they lead the charge in their school as leaders. Each year, we will have a training retreat coinciding with back-to-school events. Also, each student that signs up with Youth Alive will be given a “peer mentor” that they will communicate with every other month to further develop their leadership and mentoring skills.



Leaders

The greatest resource for any community should be the local church. Youth Alive works with the local church leadership (Lead Pastors, Youth Leaders, Associate Pastors, etc.) to develop ways that we can have a greater impact on reaching our community. We do this by strategically targeting the middle and high schools. Youth Alive bridges the gap between the church and schools, fostering a healthy relationship and develop a lasting influence on families in the community.



Schools

By empowering students and connecting leaders, we can reach every student in every school in Southern New England. Youth Alive will assist in the development of Bible Clubs in schools and also hold dynamic school assemblies that challenge students to make certain choices that will give them “The Best Life Ever!” These assemblies promote an evening event where students can make a choice to follow Christ.

To schedule Youth Alive at your church or set up a personal meeting, contact Kevin Zurriga at:

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Kevin A. Zurrica



Always ready for a challenge, an ambitious, young Kevin Zurrica accepted when his younger brother, Tim, said he could beat him in a race. Kevin rode his bike, with the newly removed training wheels lying in the yard. His little brother, Tim, rode his blue, 3 wheeled, plastic, little tyke tractor. Around the house in opposite directions they raced. At the front of the house, Kevin waited for Tim to appear from around the corner. "I'll teach him to challenge me!" he said to himself. When Tim was visible, Kevin bolted forward to play a game of chicken, and run his little brother off the sidewalk. As Kevin neared, Tim didn't stray from his course. "You Fool!" Kevin thought, as he slammed head-on into his little brother. Tim flew forward and landed face first onto the concrete, knocking out one of his front teeth.

That competitive spirit followed Kevin throughout his entire life. His ambition led him to seek out power and respect in the form of drugs, alcohol, and gangs. At the age of 14 Kevin attended a Christian youth camp that changed his life forever. He turned away from his past and turned his ambitions towards a higher calling—to warn students that the choices they make today will affect their lives forever.

As a high school Junior, Kevin started his school's first Bible Club that faced great opposition from the administration. Kevin was wrongly censored and threatened with expulsion from school if he continued. Not willing to back down, Kevin met with the school leadership and was able to keep the club.

Kevin's deep desire to impact students led him to become an on-call mentor to students in Georgia, and soon he became a full time Youth Pastor in Connecticut. While involved at the local church, Kevin worked towards bringing restoration to students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. He has effectively helped students who struggled with substance abuse, anger, self-harm, depression, and many other issues that teens face. Behind all of his efforts, Kevin knows that it is only through the power of God that students receive forgiveness and restoration. His heart is to see students transformed by the love of their Savior, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and impacting their generation.

By empowering students, building relationships between schools and the local church, developing bible clubs, and dynamic school assemblies, Kevin's ambition, commitment, and passion for students drives the ministry of Youth Alive to complete the challenge of reaching every student in every school.

SNE Youth Alive exists to:

- Empower Students
- Resource Leaders
- Reach Schools



Until Every Student Knows,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of Rev. Kevin Zurriga, Youth Alive Missionary to the Southern New England Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. Zurriga served on our full-time staff as Youth Pastor from 2012-2015. During that time our youth group grew both spiritually and numerically. Rev. Zurriga was particularly successful in helping our students to establish Bible clubs and See You at the Pole rallies in several of our local high schools.

Rev. Zurriga is a man of outstanding Christian character with contagious passion for student evangelism and discipleship. Rev. Zurriga is an excellent, encouraging preacher who connects well with students and adults, alike. Rev. Zurriga often preached at the four weekend worship services on our home campus, as well as at our satellite campus. He was a favorite speaker in both locations.

Rev. Zurriga is currently raising his missionary budget to serve churches, youth pastors, and students in southern New England. I would like to highly recommend Rev. Zurriga to you for your prayerful consideration of missions support.

Rev. Zurriga is available to speak to your youth group, or to speak to your entire congregation. He will bring a word that is biblically sound, encouraging, and inspiring.

If we may provide any further helpful information about Rev. Zurriga please contact me by email at glennharvison@gmail.com or by phone at 203.531.7778.

Sincerely In His Service,

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