



Exciting CMA Youth Movement News!

Zeke and Samantha McPherson, new National Youth Movement Evangelist

God has once again shown His favor and provided the Christian Motorcyclists Association with just the right servants to fill a current need. We proudly announce Zeke and Samantha McPherson as the new CMA National Youth Evangelist as of May first 2017. I don't know about you, but I think it is so cool that the Lord would raise up a third generation warrior to wage battle with the forces of evil surrounding this present generation of students. At no time in the past has the Christian youth of America had to contend with such resistance to the Gospel; but it is exciting to know CMA Youth Movement is fully engaged on the front lines with hundreds of dedicated Youth Movement leaders, LITs and volunteers throughout the membership and that Zeke and Samantha will be bringing their youthful enthusiasm and seasoned dedication to the team.

Zeke has lived CMA Youth Movement since 2003 when his parents, Jerod and Jennifer McPherson, answered the call to begin CMA Youth Movement. Although he has experienced first-hand the challenges and frustrations of youth ministry, God has placed this firm call on his life. Even as a young child, moving a couple of times as his parents served in various youth ministry positions, he remembers being particularly impressed with his father's peace and confidence

God was without a doubt leading his family to CMA. Maybe not fully understanding the significance of that decision at the age of eight, it was surely fundamental in the development of his faith.

Zeke, having been raised in a Christian home; being fully aware of whom God is and even experiencing the Holy Spirit move in his own personal life, his first semester of college was a shock to his belief system. What he heard and was taught scared him and planted a seed of doubt. What if what I believe isn't true? The enemy used this doubt to slow his pursuit of God and bring him to a place of uncertainty about what was true and what was false. Attempting to just blur it all out with distractions such as bad habits and video games late into the night that led to the enemy making him ripe for attraction to evil images, his conscience became weaker than any time in his life. It was a crucial point in his life.

At the end of that semester, Zeke had no plans for the summer and knowing he wasn't really living for God, he was hesitant to get involved in any CMA activities. But God, in His wisdom, opened up a way for Zeke to serve at a Christian summer camp. Suddenly thrust into the role of counsellor and mentor, charged with raising these kids up in the Lord, while not living for Christ really began turmoil on the inside

that eventually led to panic attacks and then a spiritual intervention. God reassured him that no matter where he had run, if he would get past the distractions and put his attention on Jesus, He could use him to fulfill His purpose. As Zeke had the opportunity to minister to a young camper suffering from doubt and low-esteem, he saw this young man change through the love and attention he received. God used this as a powerful moment to show that if he would simply share God's love it could be used to change a life. Zeke says he is not perfect but his goal is to fulfill God's purpose every day. This puts him in a unique position to mentor today's youth as this very situation Zeke experienced in his life is dominant in many young lives today.

Zeke started working with his local chapter in Conway, Arkansas and began establishing a local CMA Youth Movement. From there, he led Youth Movement activities in CMA Arkansas and has served as an Area Rep YM in Arkansas since 2015. During this time Zeke met his future wife Samantha at a CMA National event and began a long distance dating relationship. As they concentrated on college, got engaged and then married in the fall of 2015, God was steadily calling them into youth ministry. In the summer of 2016, they accepted a youth ministry in a small church

in rural Arkansas. God always seems to use our weaknesses and past experiences to minister to others and Samantha's situation was no different. Suffering from depression and growing up without a father in her life, the struggle to minister for her was real, but God used it as a time of personal healing, helping her realize this was her calling and what the Lord had planned for her to do. Just like Zeke, her life experience had uniquely prepared her to connect and minister to the struggles of today's youth.

As far as the vision for Youth Movement, Zeke sees it as two fold; first spiritually, as young people today we live in a place of fear and oppression with lies circulating in the public arena that we are not good enough, and our message is under constant attack. If young people are not raised in the knowledge of Christ and serving the Lord, the future of the Body of Christ in our nation looks pretty bleak. Our challenge is to overcome that on all fronts. As Ezekiel saw the dry bones rise up, we need to raise an army of young people, not buying into the lies that the enemy is putting out to the world. The vision for young

people in America, the much aligned millennials, is this that every young person that comes into any CMA event will feel that spirit of adoption and acceptance and make the spiritual change, and then pass it on; a chain reaction that will continue *changing the world, one heart at a time.*

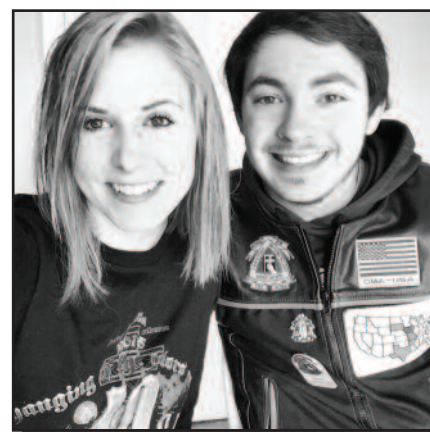
Next practically; more organization and communication is needed on the state and local level with improved literature and online resources. Not simply more rules but more guidance and connection so that Youth Movement is similar in practice all across the United States. Bikers for Change events and State Rallies should offer similar opportunities for young people to come to Christ no matter where they are in the country. New training for leaders and curriculum resources will equip CMA Youth Movement Leaders at both the state and local level with the tools they need for effective youth ministry.

Zeke also feels there is a big need to have a specific format for raising up new leaders through the CMA Youth Movement Leaders in Training program. Those young people who are aging out of CMA Youth

Movement also need to be engaged and inspired to serve in their local communities to sow back into the ministry of CMA.

He believes the network of CMA chapters and leaders around this country are valuable resources in reaching this young generation of motorcyclists for Jesus. Zeke and Sam will be leading the CMA Youth Movement services at the upcoming National Rally in Lewisburg, WV and assisting with the Firecracker '17 rally and with the Youth Movement LLMX state-side mission trip to the AMA MX Amateur Nationals at Loretta Lynn's. Welcome Zeke and Sam!

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Zeke and Samantha McPherson oversee CMA Youth Movement as National Evangelist.

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