



Happenings

Dear Family and Friends,

As you know, I got to make my 3rd consecutive trip to Jamaica (6th overall) to work in the public schools of Montego Bay. It's always interesting because when people find out we go to Jamaica for a missions trip, they say things like "I wish I could do a missions trip in Jamaica" or "Must be nice to 'work' in Jamaica". But even though we aren't doing things that are usually thought of as missions work such as building projects, we are working hard at doing what God wants us to do—which is constantly sharing the Gospel with the kids and teachers we meet with every day. We do this by not just teaching them how to be competitive in their Bible quiz tournament but by teaching them what the text means that they are studying. We do this by the way we interact and treat them. We are fully invested in their lives for the week we are there. Sometimes I wonder if we really make a difference in such a short amount of time. But God always reminds me that we plant those seeds of truth out of obedience to Him but he does the work of growing those seeds to maturity. So even though we don't know where most of those kids end up, we do know that if we are faithful to do what God asks of us, we can trust that He is faithful as well. Thank you for your prayers while we were gone. As usual, we had several things up in the air that were constantly changing but God worked everything out for His good. We had a team that worked really well together and some great spiritual growth was had among them. Please continue to pray for those students that went on the trip. Pray that whatever God has started in their hearts would continue here at home. Here are a couple of my favorite pictures from our trip.



Camp Machasay

This last weekend we held a fundraising banquet at camp to help with our yearly operating expenses. I am happy to report that we exceeded our goal! Thank you for praying! If you missed out on the opportunity and would like to contribute we would love to hear from you. Just make a note on your check that this is for the 2020 operating expenses at Camp Machasay. With everyone's help we can continue to keep the cost low for every camper and provide scholarships for those who cannot afford to come. We never turn a camper away because of money. We want everyone to come to camp and here the Gospel message! Thank you for your generosity this year!

Also, March is the last month to receive our biggest discounts on summer camps. As you plan your summer, make sure to get your kids registered so they don't miss out on another fun adventure! Register today online at www.youthchallenge.us.

P.S. If you file taxes in the State of Colorado, you can make a selection on your tax returns to donate a portion of your refund directly to Youth Challenge. This is something new the state is doing called REFUND Colorado. All you need is our organization number for the program. That number is 20083007050.

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Please pray:

- Our marriage/family—direction for our daily lives
- Small group girls
- Regionals—March 27-28
- Nationals—April 15-18
- Summer camps/campers/and volunteers
- Personal monthly support to grow by \$2,900 a month

Summer Camp Registrations are open on our website with early bird discounts still in effect.

Check it out!

Partner with Me

By Mail: Send a check to Youth Challenge, PO Box 11, Holyoke, CO 80734 (Designate it for Amanda)

Online: Go to www.youthchallenge.us and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page. It will lead you to give electronically by credit card or by e-check. Just click Amanda LaGrange on the allocation list.

FAQ's about financial support:

~What is support?

Financial support is a way to contribute and share in spreading the love and truth of Jesus to others. Most often people think of financially supporting overseas missionaries to third world countries. Financial support is giving of resources that God has provided for you and partnering with others in the church body.

~If you are not an overseas missionary, why do you need support?

I am what is known as a domestic missionary. I work for Youth Challenge which is a youth ministry set up like a mission's organization. We are not affiliated with any specific church. We are only able to do what we do by people giving to our ministry because they believe in the need that we are trying to fill.

I work diligently to minister in the job that I love. How I get paid for that work is by people partnering with me on a monthly basis. I need you to join me in this ministry. My current needs are for monthly financial commitments to get my support level up to the amount that's required by Youth Challenge which is \$4000 a month. Right now, I am at about \$1100 a month.

~What needs are there in our rural area?

Think of different people you know in your neighborhood, community, and church. Do you know someone who is hurting? Think of kids of all ages in your area who are from broken homes. There is a lot of darkness in our area. The problem is that a lot of people in our small communities believe they are Christians but don't know who Jesus is or what He has done for them. They don't know that they can trust Him and be comforted by Him because they don't know Him personally. Do you know how many people are hurting in our churches and in our schools? Do you believe that these people need the love of Jesus to shine light in their hearts? That's what we are trying to show them by the work that we do.

~Is it biblical?

Yes. Many people throughout the Bible lived and worked being supported by others. David, Nehemiah, the disciples, Jesus, and the apostles all lived and worked at different times being supported by gifts from others.

~What if I can't make a monthly commitment?

I would love to know that you are praying for me regularly! Our culture is so good at throwing around thoughts and prayers as a platitude but people who honestly and truly pray and believe that God is powerful enough to answer prayers are who make up the backbone of missions both here and abroad.

~What are my giving options?

You can give monthly, every 6 months, or yearly. Your gift of \$50, \$75, \$100, or \$200 per month would greatly help me reach my goals in this ministry.

~How can I give?

Our online giving is a great option! You can set up automatic, recurring gifts through our website (www.youthchallenge.us) either by credit/debit card or by e-checks. You can choose the day and amount that works best for you. Your gifts are processed securely.

Another way you can give is by sending a check back in the envelope I provide in your monthly newsletter.

Youth Challenge is a 501c3 nonprofit organization so all gifts are tax deductible. You will receive a gift letter to turn in with your taxes at the end of January each year.

Giving is a primary way to join in God's work. In Philippians 4:15-18, Paul credits the Philippian church for partnering with him by giving. He says it is not the gift he seeks, but "the fruit that increases to [the supporter's] credit" (Phil. 4:17). The generosity of our Supporters enables the fruit of our Workers, and Supporters participate alongside our Workers with mutual joy. Join us in engaging our communities through generosity, either with a one-time gift or ongoing monthly support.