



## Happenings

Dear Family and Friends,

*Changes are in the works.*

Here at Youth Challenge, our ministry is to “Build the Truth of God’s Word into the Lives of America’s Youth”. Over the course of the spring and summer, Aaron and I along with some other people whom we trust very much have been praying about where God may be leading. We feel that God is leading me into our local Christian School to fulfill the mission of Youth Challenge by helping the upper elementary-high school in their education both academically and spiritually. I am excited to tell you that I will be teaching several grades using the Abeka curriculum 4 days a week starting at the end of August. This change will be an addition to my current ministry at Youth Challenge. As such, I will not be receiving a paycheck from the school. I will still be doing all of my administration with Youth Challenge as well as directing Bible Quizzing. If you feel led to support me in this new direction, I would love to tell you more about it or you can sign up online to begin automatic donations.

### Camp Machasay

We still have some spots left in our horse camp coming up at the first of August. Horse camps are for ages 8-18 and it doesn’t matter the experience level. You can register online on our camp page.

Dates are: August 7-9th and September 11-13

Our pasture golf fundraiser that we held in July was so fun to be a part of! It was great to have 9 teams and all of the fellowship we shared was wonderful! We are going to do another one in October so if you are sad you missed out or if you enjoyed it so much you want to do it again, contact Zac White to sign up.

### Bible Quizzing

I was able to get online quizzing going this last month and we had 2 practice quizzes that really went well. We will be doing another one August 4th! Our in person quizzing should be going at full pace by the end of August Lord willing. We are still planning to quiz as normal with both junior quizzing and teen quizzing and hoping and praying that doesn’t change.

I am in need of table officials and adults who want to coach so if you have been feeling God move you toward this, please let me know ASAP so I can get you started on the right foot!

I would like to have junior quiz teams organized by the middle of August and teen quiz teams organized by the end of August at the latest.

## Personal Notes

*As I have told you above, I will be teaching at our local Christian school as part of my ministry with Youth Challenge. I have already been busy learning the ropes and getting organized for it. I am really enjoying this new challenge so far. It is a bit scary and I have a lot of feelings of being unprepared just because I don't know what to expect. But isn't that the way with most changes in life?*

*It's easy to start to feel overwhelmed and scared with the changes in our nation and the world as well. Our normal isn't the normal we were all used to before March. I have gone through ups and downs over the course of the last 4 months as most of us have to different extremes. But last weekend, I felt myself starting to go down that low path of feeling powerless and then God spoke to me with just one word—REJOICE. I knew that was Him speaking to me that no matter what happens here, we have reason to rejoice that He is King over everything. He has full power over every breath we take! I can rest in Him knowing that I don't have to have the answers or understand everything. I can REST and REJOICE in Him! I hope this gives you as much peace and comfort as it did for me. With Love in Christ ~Amanda*

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### Please pray:

- Our marriage/family—  
Please pray for us as we make schooling decisions for this coming year.
- Horse camps
  - Aug 7-9
  - Sept 11-13
- Quizzing next season—
  - Coaches
  - Table Officials
  - Quizzers!
- Personal monthly support—Needs to grow by \$2700 per month

### 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](http://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](http://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.*