



Happy New Year!!

Dear Family and Friends,

Every year at Thanksgiving, I get to work on making calendars as Christmas presents for grandparents. I usually start with around 2000 pictures. As I go through the process of selecting pictures of the kids and things we have done over the year, I am usually stuck with trying to decide what to use because we have so many to choose from. I have to narrow it down to the best 70-80 pictures to fit. This year, I had a really hard time motivating myself to even start looking through pictures to get started. I think I was dreading looking through the COVID year and not seeing the normal memories that we have or not seeing the ones we “should” have had.

About 2 weeks late, I finally made myself sit down and start working. I was overwhelmed by the realization that God blessed us with beautiful memories of this year. I ended up choosing 175 pictures overall that I then had to still narrow down to the few that would fit on the calendar. God has given us so much this last year and I have not been nearly THANKFUL enough! I pray that as next year starts, I will continue to be thankful and joyful with what God gives us and not focus so much on what I perceive to be taken away.

Looking Ahead in 2021

Quizzing: Our next quiz meet is January 16th. I am very excited that our quiz teams from Alamosa will be joining us again! Please pray for good weather for them to drive in! As far as our regional and national tournaments go, they are still on the schedule. After being canceled last year, everyone is hoping these tournaments can still be done in March and April. Please be praying for wisdom on how to move forward.

Jamaica: One of the things I could get really hung up on and would be hard to find the “silver lining” in is our annual trip to Jamaica in February to facilitate their quizzing. They still have not all gone back to school and things remain very tightly restricted. But, I know God has a plan in this too. I have found myself praying for some of the students that I have worked with in past years. I don’t know where they are or how this year has affected them individually—I know it can’t be easy—but I know God knows and He cares for them way more than I do. So I have been praying that God would use what they have memorized to give them hope!

Camps: We will be having a virtual fundraiser in February! Last year, we held a banquet that was awesome and we want to give people the opportunity to participate again this year. I will have more information to come on this in my next update. Last month, I let you know about the special holiday discounts for our summer camps. As of the 31st, the extra 10% has expired. However, there are still early bird discounts to be had through March 31st.

Year End Financial Support

As you are thinking about your year end giving, would you consider giving in support of me and my ministry with Youth Challenge? All of your gifts made by the 31st will be tax deductible for this year. When you support me financially, you are a partner with me in this ministry of sharing the truth and love of God with our kids! If you aren’t currently a financial supporter, would you join me and the others who are already partnering with me as well? Thank you so much!!

Personal Notes

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for Aaron! His surgery went very well and he is on schedule in his recovery. He will have physical therapy for another 3-4 months and is still in a sling part of the time but things are looking great.

We wish you a Very Happy New Year with Joy and Thanksgiving in Jesus and what he has done for you!

With Love in Christ ~Amanda, Aaron, Grace, Finn and Abigail

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Please pray:

- Our marriage/family—
That we would prioritize each other and make wise decisions.
- My Monday night girls—
that they would KNOW God deeply!
- Quiz Season—Quiz meet:
January 16th.
- Regionals/Nationals
- Virtual Fundraiser for
Camp in February
- Personal monthly support—Needs to grow by
\$2300 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 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.