



## Happenings

*Dear Family and Friends,*

Spring has Sprung and I love it! I am so thankful God gives us spring to come out of winter. I feel like I can breathe again. Seeing the grass start to get green and the birds singing early in the morning again gives me a heart of gratefulness and hope for what God has for me.

I am winding down (or gearing up) for the end of the school year. We have about 6 weeks left and I feel like we are finishing strong. It's been an interesting, challenging, and educational year for me. It's funny how teaching has made me learn more about myself.

### *Quizzing:*

During February, I finished up the local part of our regular quizzing and in March, finished junior quizzing. It was a great season! Every quiz meet was so wonderful to be around people and talk and have fellowship. The kids memorized huge portions of the book of Matthew and that will stick with them throughout the rest of their lives!! Junior quizzers memorized Matthew chapter 9 and competed in a meet with 5 total teams.

Quizzing is far from over for the year though! We have 2 teams going on to the regional tournament March 26-27 in Missouri and then the top team is going to nationals in Wisconsin at the end of April. I am so excited to help coach that team with my dad! Also exciting for me is that Grace will be attending regionals on our 2nd team! It will be fun to have her along and compete against her.

Next year, we will be quizzing over Romans, James, and Revelation. I already have books ordered and will be planning meets, material breakouts, junior quizzing, etc. in the next month. Teams can already get put together or started on studying material over the summer. I would love to talk to you about getting quizzing started in your area if it isn't already there!

### *Camp Machasay:*

Our summer camps are still on the schedule and we have campers signing up every week. March is the last month to receive the biggest discounts on the 2-4th and 5-8th grade camps. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time to do it! In addition to campers, we are in need of staff for all of our summer camps and horse camps. Would you please be thinking about and praying if this is an area you would like to serve for a few days this summer? If you happen to miss the 31st deadline for discounts in March, there is still an opportunity for families to receive sibling discounts after. We also have scholarships available for those who can't afford the full registration. We want to see kids come to camp and not have to worry about how they will pay for it! Also, you can donate to the camp scholarship fund. If you would like to do that or sponsor a specific camper, please let me know!

### *Update on my Personal Support*

As a result of some changes that are happening with camp and my responsibilities in other areas of the ministry, I will be seeing a reduction in my monthly support starting this summer. I am needing to get the remainder of my support raised by July/August. I have had several supporters increase their giving over the last year and for that I am so grateful as I have said in many previous newsletters. However, I am asking those of you who haven't started supporting me financially, would you join me now in this ministry? Consistent monthly giving is what I am in most need of but regular quarterly or yearly gifts will be of great help as well. These options are easy to set up through our online donation system on our website.

*I am always available to answer questions (no matter how awkward you might think they are). I would rather be transparent than have anyone wonder and never get answers.*

*Thank you so much for praying for me in this ministry that God has given me!*

*With Love in Christ ~Amanda*

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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!
- Regionals—March 26-27
- Nationals—April 21-24
- Personal monthly support—Needs to grow by \$2100 per month by July

### *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.*