

AMANDA'S DISPATCH

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PRAYER & PARTNERSHIP

PLEASE PRAY:

- OUR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
- My surgery and allergy treatments
- GIRL'S GROUP
- quizzing program
- NEEDED STAFF FOR CAMP
- MACHASAY
- upcoming summer camps

PARTNERSHIP:

- PERSONAL MONTHLY SUPPORT
- NEEDS TO GROW BY \$1500 PER MONTH
- give online: www.youthchallenge.us
- GIVE BY CHECK: YOUTH CHALLENGE,
PO BOX 11, HOLYOKE, CO 80734

Personal Update

In March, Aaron and I attended a homeschool convention in Lincoln to look at different options and to try to make a decision about schooling for next year. We feel like this year has gone really well and have decided to keep homeschooling for the time being. There are days when one or all of us want to quit and give up but most days, it is really good being together and learning together. I can see the strengths and weaknesses that we have and can work proactively to correct and learn and that is a very fulfilling thing.

Next week, I will be having a sinus surgery to fix some things that are contributing to recurrent sinus and ear infections. I have been struggling with them more and more over the last 10 years and am excited to get some relief. In addition to that, I will be starting allergy shots to hopefully help my allergies not to be so bad. These will be done for the next 3 years but should give relief for a lot longer! Please pray these things work!

The kids and I are definitely ready for summer break. School is almost done and they will be busy with soccer, baseball/softball/tball, soapbox derbies, working, and many other things. Grace is finishing up her driver's ed class and is hoping to get a part time job this summer. Aaron has some camping trips planned and we are working on house projects and soon, gardening/yard projects.

quizzing news

Our junior quizzing finished strong with 7 teams, our most yet! Junior quiz meets are so exciting! It was a great year!

We had 2 teams compete at Regionals last week and one of those teams will compete at Nationals in Iowa this month. I will be going as a table official.

Next year, we will be quizzing over the book of Acts. I will have the schedule and material posted soon. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in this exciting part of our ministry!

CAMP NEWS

As we are getting close to summer, we will be getting the details of camps finalized. Part of that planning is making sure we have enough staff. We still have room for some volunteers, especially counselors. If you would like to help, please let me know!

Dates:

7-10th grade camp: June 27-30

K-2nd grade day camp: July 6

2-4th grade camp: July 7-9

5-8th grade camp: July 11-14

www.campmachasay.com

We are also still looking to hire a maintenance/custodian for camp as well as a director for camp. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call us. We would love to talk to you!

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.