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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

from the Hollidays



DOUG & JENNIFER
SERVING CHRIST TOGETHER



“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” *Philippians 1:3-4*



BLESSED... TO BE A BLESSING!

We cannot say thank you enough for your investment in our ministry and our family. God has used you, our ministry partners and friends, to continually pour out His blessing on our lives. This Thanksgiving, we are both humbled and grateful for all that our loving Heavenly Father has done for us. He is so faithful!

We are incredibly blessed... God just continues to provide for our family and our ministry over and over again. A few years back, a friend of mine made the statement that we are “Blessed to be a blessing.” It sounds catchy, even cliché. But it’s true!

We want our lives to reflect the generosity of the great God that we serve. We want our girls to learn to be generous, to see everything they have and everything they are as a gift from God to be shared with others.

Jennifer and I grew up in generous homes. Our parents modeled generous living and generous giving for us. When we were first married, we made it a priority to give above and beyond the tithe, looking for needs that we could meet to help others God had brought into our lives.

When God sent us to Africa, Haiti and then the Philippines, He brought our understanding of “Blessed to be a Blessing” to a completely different level. God introduced us to needs, to opportunities for generosity, and He allowed us to introduce them to you, our friends, as well. And in the process, God didn’t just give us the opportunity to be a blessing... He has blessed us even more!



Grateful for...

God’s Provision



Family Fun

Between the Hollidays and the Shafers, our girls have their grandparents, all eight of their aunts and uncles, and five cousins living in Florida. We would have never dreamed when we moved to Florida that almost all of our family would end up in the Sunshine State with us :)

Home Improvement

Last Christmas, we had a pipe burst in our kitchen that damaged our tile and cabinets. Insurance gave us what we could have never afforded on our own... a new kitchen!

Before the kitchen, it was hail damage that gave us a new roof after sixteen years in our home. What a blessing!

A Car for Our Girls

Jennifer’s brother and sister-in-law gave us their 2005 Toyota Prius for the girls to drive. Jaclyn is very excited to have a reliable car after our 1999 Kia Sportage broke down twice on the way to school this Semester.



Traveling... Together

Criss-crossing the country and trotting the globe, while exhausting, also provides opportunities we could not otherwise afford... all 8 of us attending Jennifer’s family reunion in California, bringing Jennifer with me on three ministry trips... bringing Marisa with me on three ministry trips for her Summer internship... sending Jaclyn to NYC to visit a friend and experience Broadway.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Devastating Floods



One month after Hurricane Matthew devastated much of Haiti, torrential rains brought more flooding. Our church in Cap Haiti was flooded, destroying instruments and sound equipment. Our entire ministry compound in Bois De Lance was under 1-2 feet of water, which almost filled our mission house and flooded the first floor of our school. Pastor Donnson lost all the furniture in his home, as well as his motorcycle. I would like to raise **\$1000** to replace his motorcycle. It's heartbreaking to see my friends suffer like this.

School of Youth Ministry



Our training program for young leaders in Haiti, SOYM, brings together students from across Haiti for 10 months of intensive disciple-making and leadership development. DHM needs to raise about \$10,000 each year to support this training program... **\$500** per student to scholarship them for the training they will receive. Would you consider providing a scholarship for one of these young leaders? God is using them to transform Haiti... one life at a time!

Leadership Development



Our Sonlife Leadership Team is spread across North America... Orlando, DC, Toronto, Chicago, Portland, Cleveland, Seattle, Wichita. While I'm in Florida, our administrative offices are on the opposite corner of the country in Portland. I would love to have 1-2 interns here in Orlando to help me with both Sonlife and Open Door Haiti projects. These part-time internships would be ideal for local college students who could serve 10-12 hours a week. **\$500** a month per intern needs to be raised to make this a reality.

Caring for Kids



ORPHANAGE - Open Door Haiti's orphanage is the home to fifty beautiful children. What a gift from God they are! We need of monthly sponsors for the orphanage. A full sponsorship is **\$150** a month, but you can share the sponsorship burden with others for as little as \$25 or \$50 a month.
SCHOOL - Open Door Haiti's schools continue to expand. We have over 1000 children in our sponsorship program, but less than 300 of them have sponsors right now. A Child Sponsorship is only **\$25** a month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
UPCOMING

Ministry Opportunities
Sonlife

Open Door Haiti

December 3-9 / SOYM

I return to Haiti in December to teach Sonlife's new Foundations training to the young leaders at our School Of Youth Ministry.

February 1-3 / Vision Trip

In early February, I'll be leading a group of pastors and business leaders on a quick trip to Haiti to share the vision of what God is doing in and through Open Door's churches, schools, orphanage, medical center and training center.

Sonlife Training Events

January 9-11 / D-CONFERENCE

Our Sonlife team is busy preparing for our national disciple-making training event where will bring together leaders from across North America to Orlando to sharpen our disciple-making vision. We'll be introducing these strategic leaders to our new...

Foundations Seminar

In the Spring and Fall of 2017, we'll be training our new Foundations Seminar across the US. Would your church like to host a training event?

Global Youth Initiative

March 16 - 24 / Czech Republic

Sonlife's global disciple-making partners will gather at Josiah Venture's training center in Czech for a week of prayer, sharpening and strategic planning. The GYI Forum will bring together key leaders from over twenty countries.

DiscipleFirst Training Event

January 13-14 / FlashPoint

I'll be speaking for Sonlife in Alabama at the DiscipleFirst FlashPoint Conference for Pastors and Youth Pastors.



"Pray for us that God may open a door for our message!"
Colossians 4:3

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