

Dear Friends,

November 22, 2022

Happy Thanksgiving! I am hungry for this season to reflect on the blessings of God. I need the reminder to live gratefully and hopefully. And within Thrive we have so much to be thankful for. We have led 18 retreats and events this year, pointing hundreds of people to Jesus. We have seen deep confession and recommitments to God, the healing of relationships, and the birth of hope among couples, youth, men, women, church leaders, and college students. God has been changing lives in our midst and we have been privileged to be His witnesses.

However, there is still so much work to be done. How do we most effectively change the spiritual culture and make Christ known? We have been praying about this for most of our lives. Recently God has been increasing our burden for parents and teens. Imagine if we could:

1. Invigorate and mobilize the church
2. Capture the heart of our youth to live missionally
3. Rebuild the family structure
4. Enlist families to actively share the Gospel

What a far-reaching impact that could make! Might God use that to transform lives and whole communities? We believe the Lord is urging us to try it.

In April we are leading a group of twenty parents and teens on a mission trip to Panama. With the partnership of Filter of Hope, we will share the Gospel, distribute water filters in impoverished villages, and challenge parents and teens to live for the Kingdom, not for this earth. The trip filled in the first week of promoting it, so we are excited about the enthusiasm of families who want to attend, and we pray for a deepening faith and for generational impact.

Please pray for the parent-teen trainings in the coming months and for fruit from this trip in April (15th-21st). We also seek your prayers for wisdom as we are parents coming alongside other parents, wanting to impart wisdom but certainly parenting imperfectly ourselves.

The cost per person is \$2,000. Dan is leading this mission and, by God's grace, taking two of our own teens, Micah and Aliza, which would be \$6,000 for our family. If we are able, I will go too. Either way, I will be part of the stateside trainings. We are hopeful that God will use this trip to develop mission-minded families and teens that will pursue the Lord for a lifetime, and that these families will reproduce in their church and communities.

If you would like to take part in that vision by giving financially, you can give online through our website: [Thrivenational.org/pay-it-forward](https://thrivenational.org/pay-it-forward) and choose Dan & Heather Litchfield under "Fund" or by sending a check made payable to Thrive to our address: PO Box 993 Mount Desert, ME 04660.

Thank you for your faithfulness. May God fill you with gratitude in His presence this holiday!

For His Glory,
Daniel & Heather