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Trevor's Ministry Update

Dear friends! I'm writing you this update to share a financial need I currently have and to give an opportunity for you to partner alongside me. First off though, so this update isn't entirely boring, I'd like to share a story from this past year.

Why God Called Me Here

In my Grade 6 Bible class this past year, I had my students keep a journal. Each week, I would assign a few chapters from the Bible. They would read these chapters and then write a sentence or two in their journal for each one. Reading these journal entries was one of my favourite parts of teaching.

When we began nearing the end of the school year, we finished Old Testament Overview and started our units on Scripture and Salvation. One week, I decided to let them choose any book of the Bible and journal on four chapters from it. One student, who had been especially resistant to journaling, decided to read Ephesians 3-6. He wrote this at the end of the week's journal entry:

"Note: I love Ephesians now. This is the first time I've journaled strongly in a while. I might make these my life chapters. They apply so much to me and I feel touched. The amazing love and power of Christ brought me to these chapters when I opened the BIBLE AT RANDOM! PRAISE GOD! I look to change my ways and become a better Christian. Thank you Lord!"

Moments like this remind me why God called me to come to the Philippines: so he can proclaim his Gospel through me to these students. It wasn't me that caused this student to come to a realization of God's love; God simply used my assignment as an opportunity to touch his heart. All of my struggles with cultural adjustment, uncomfortable living situations, and steep learning curves are worth it for moments like these.



Me speaking in the Middle School chapel

My Current Financial Need

One of the things I need to do this summer is make sure I am properly funded for the upcoming school year. As it turns out, due to some significant monthly expenses that hadn't been included in my initial support schedule, I'm in need of an **additional \$600 each month**. Without this additional monthly income, I will not be able to continue serving here in the Philippines.

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How You Can Help

What I particularly require is **monthly pledges**. One time donations are great and always appreciated, but monthly donations give more security as I know that I will continue to have enough funds in the future.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to partner with me in this ministry. By financially supporting me, you help me minister to these children, such as the one in my story above, so God can work through us and further his Kingdom.

If you already support me through one-time donations, please consider whether you are able to commit to giving monthly. If you already support me monthly, please consider whether you are able to increase your monthly giving.

Every little bit helps! Currently I have financial partners providing from \$10 to \$250 a month. It is also possible to give quarterly or annually if it works better for your budget.

How to Join My Support Team

Giving Online

The easiest way to give is through my support website: <https://give.teachbeyond.org/support/trevor-loken>. From there you can set up to give by pre-authorized debit, credit card, or PayPal. The best option is the pre-authorized debit as it has the least fees attached to it. You can also give by stocks or mutual funds.

Giving by Mailed Cheque

The other option for giving is by mailed cheques. Write the cheque to TeachBeyond Canada. Please also print off a pledge form available at <https://give.teachbeyond.org> and include it with your cheque, indicating that it is a gift for Trevor Loken #31098, as well as how often you intend to give.

You can mail the cheque to TeachBeyond at:

TeachBeyond Canada
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All donations are fully tax-deductible. If you have any questions about giving, email TeachBeyond at donate@teachbeyond.org.

Please Pray!

I firmly believe that the most important thing is for you to keep me in your prayers. I have faith that God has called me to the Philippines and he will provide for my needs. If he leads you to give financially then that is great! But if not, I still want your prayer and loving support! I value each one of you and could not do this without you.



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