

Most Recent Lippincott Update

December 27: Ridiculously Blessed

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On Christmas Day we drove 3 hours up into the mountains for a family trip. The weather has been a bit cooler, but the scenery is beautiful!

Ridiculously Blessed

This year wasn't what we expected. At the beginning of it we set out to find more non-profits to work with and I was starting to get stronger. The first few months seemed like we were making progress and we did several projects but then my health tanked and Bryon had to cancel projects and so much of our life and work went into limbo.

But looking back at the year we have been so blessed. My health is better. Both Bryon and I are back to work doing what we love. Both kids are doing well in school and transitioning into Thailand well. We moved to Thailand! We have a car and a super cute house.

We were worried about both work and money this year - we want to be able to make a difference... and we need to eat.

These last few months have been wild and God has provided us the funding we needed to get settled here. Thank-you SO much to those of you who have contributed. We also found a car cheaper than we thought and got a house cheaper than we were paying in Cambodia.

We thought this year would be very hard financially, because we weren't able to work as much, but instead we have been so blessed.

I was very discouraged about how my health cut back the work we were able to do this year.

For much of the year my health kept Bryon from working as much as he wanted to as well. But last week I was sorting files I saw we worked with 11 organizations in 2016 and we had actually worked with 12 organizations in 2017. It isn't really fully comparable because different projects take us different amounts of time, but it was exciting to see we really were able to do quite a bit this year.



Lily climbing a waterfall called 'sticky falls'.

Got a Few Minutes?

It is the end of the year and non-profits are pushing really hard for end of the year donations.

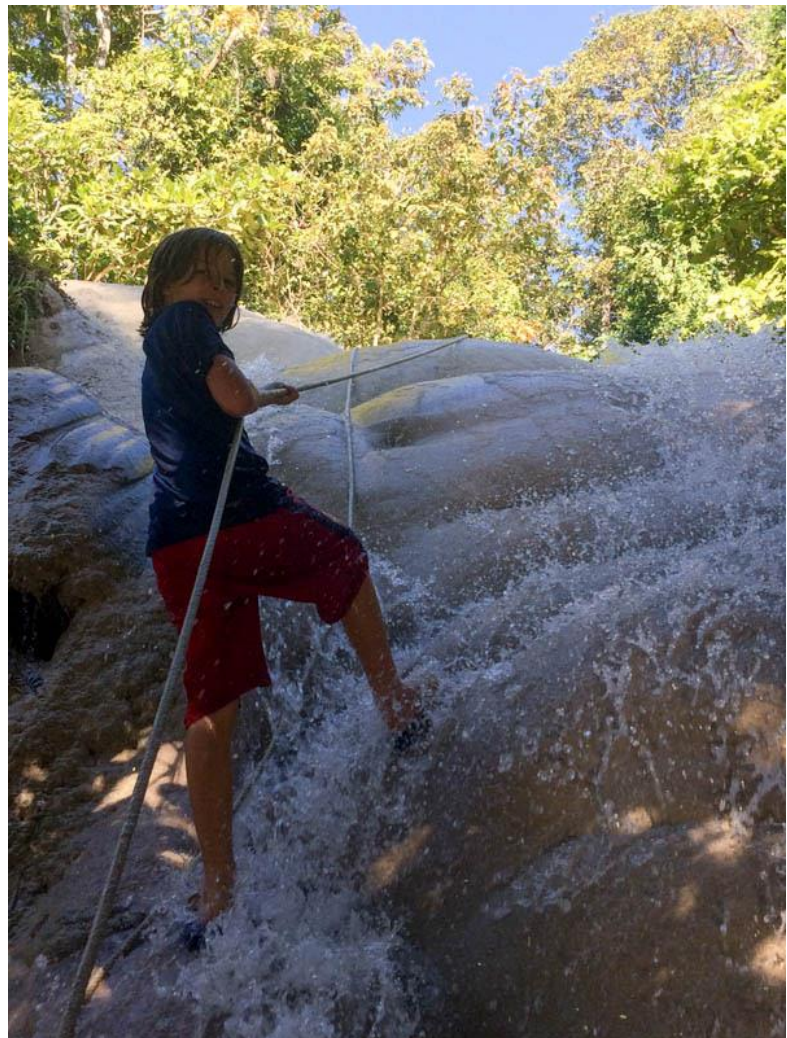
Over the past few years some of the main social media (Facebook and Instagram) sites have been really limiting the reach of all organizations (for profit and not for profit). What this means is that if an organization has 1000 followers, FB might only show their post to 50 people without them paying to show it to more of their fan base. This leaves non-profits stuck between paying for FB advertising or not getting their end-of-the year push out to as many people.

What you can do

FB decides what to show posts to people based on what they think people want to see. If a post gets more interaction than FB will show it to more people. SO, it costs you no money, and almost no time to help give your favorite organization a boost. Just make sure you are following your favorite organizations on FB and Instagram and then like or comment when you see their posts (or go to their page and like and comment on their posts). Just a 'Thanks so much for what you do!' as a comment to a post will help get that post shown to more people.

Easy right? At the end of the year when so many organizations are trying to fundraise this helps a lot. (Even if they are paying for advertising your interaction will push it to more people and increase the reach of a paid post)

Ian climbing 'Sticky Falls'.



Able to get involved financially?

Sharing Dots is 501c3 certified, so all donations given through our website (link below) are tax deductible in the US. After you donate you will receive a tax-deductible receipt in the mail.

We are hugely thankful for being fully funded this year, however we are still looking for more people to join us monthly starting next year.

When we work with organizations, we charge based on the organization's size and ability to pay. Of the work we have done this year:

- 2 organizations have paid our full price covering our costs
- 1 organization paid 75%
- 3 organizations paid 50%
- 6 organizations have paid 25% of the price or less

When you support us monthly you are allowing us to discount our services to the point where smaller organizations can afford to get the tools they need to communicate and fundraise.

We need to raise another \$430 monthly to properly cover the discounts we are planning to offer organizations in 2018.

Would you consider partnering with us?

Would you be willing to commit \$50, \$100, or \$30 per month to fund our ministry?

Donate to Sharing Dots

Want to See Your Money Double?

This past year we had the privilege of working with Love Justice International (formerly Tiny Hands International). We really love how they are working all over the world to prevent and stop women from being trafficked across borders.

We wanted to share with you about their current campaign. Until the end of the year they have a matching campaign going up to \$100,000. So, for example, if you donate \$1000 to them before the end of the year it will be matched so Love Justice will get \$2000.

Love Justice International's Matching Campaign

Praises:

1. Progress on Lorilee's health. Our life is so different now that we are here in Thailand. We aren't in survival mode and everyone is better because of it.

2. We keep marveling over our car and house that worked out so well for us. They are both a huge blessing.
3. The chance to work. Finishing projects on time and lining up more work for next year.
4. Our financial needs for the end of the year/move/car/getting settled have all come in!!
5. Christmas, friends, family, and rest.

Requests:

1. Lorilee's continued recovery.
2. Wisdom while starting to schedule work in the coming year.
3. Language visas and classes getting lined up in time for when our tourist visas run out.

We invite you help us start 2018 strong by making a year-end donation or by starting a monthly support commitment.

I hope you are having a wonderful week,

Lorilee (also Bryon, Lily and Ian)

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