



Dear Friend,

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This summer is a strategically important time for PathLight. It is a time to reflect on the past year, what we did well, where we can improve, and how God continually blessed the ministry. And it is a time of hope in the future, looking forward to how faith and learning will impact students. But there is a more tangible reason why this is an important summer: PathLight is ready to more than triple the size of the scholarship program!

We are not only going to have more than three times the number of students in the program, but we are also expanding to another village. In addition, we are launching the new teacher placement program in the Fall. This summer is a key strategic time as we prepare for this expansion!

This kind of growth only happens when the right ingredients come together. The first needed ingredient is obvious: the blessing of God. I have used the expression “this has God’s fingerprints all over it” over and over again!

The second ingredient is having quality people rally to the mission. PathLight has been fortunate to have wonderful people step up to serve, either in paid or volunteer positions. In the past 7-months we have put an Advisory Board together, hired two directors, and had dozens of people ask how they can serve. We still need to hire a few other positions, but we’re very encouraged with the progress thus far.

A third ingredient is to have growing support. There are obvious needs that must be met. But it goes deeper than just a financial issue; I believe that a growing donor base is one reflection of a healthy organization. Thankfully, PathLight has been blessed in this way as well.

I’m sure there are other ingredients, but those three are critical for an organization.

Looking forward to the big expansion, we are quick to put our faith in God because, quite honestly, the idea of tripling the scholarship program is daunting. But the daunting feeling gives way to faith and hope as we remind ourselves of the great work being done in the lives of students.

You are a key part of this. If PathLight did not have such a great group of friends, volunteers and donors, I’m not sure that an expansion would have been wise. But because of you, God’s impact through PathLight is going to triple next year!

There are two key things you can do for PathLight, and I know you will respond with joy and generosity. You always have.

First, the PathLight staff retreat is in late July, about the time you get this letter. It will be a time of planning for the Fall and preparation for future expansion. Please pray for us. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, that our minds and hearts are united in the work, and that we sense how best to serve children at risk by providing hope through faith and learning. Also, be aware that we will be praying for you during this time as well.

Second, PathLight needs to expand its donor base. Three times as many students in the scholarship program will mean three times the cost. We must find a way to identify new donors or develop our existing donors. You are key to that effort because you may be able to introduce us to new people, and you might be able to give more to PathLight. If you can introduce us to new people, please give us a call or drop us an email.

We do not ask for donations with every letter, even though many tell us that we should. But this month we are asking, and I hope you will respond with generosity. Your gift has a tangible impact on students who want to learn, who want to literally “take every thought captive for Christ.” Your gift has a transforming impact on the student, who in turn will have a transforming impact on the community. What a fantastic investment!

Thank you for your support and prayer. You are greatly appreciated. As always, feel free to write or call with questions and thoughts.

In Christ,

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