

*Give thanks in everything for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus
– 1Thessalonians 5:18*

Giving Thanks is God's will for us because...

...it requires us to remember what God has done in the past, that He loves us, that He has plans for us to succeed, and that He causes all things to work together for good.


...it requires us to acknowledge that life is not about us but about God's glory and serving others, that God is the giver of all good things, and that apart from God we are nothing.

...it requires us to focus on God, who He is, what He is doing, and the part I am to play in that.

...it requires us to choose life, godliness, holiness, and selflessness.

We, the Heaters, and T4MM have much to be thankful for:

Family:




John's mom and dad have now been with us for a year and a half and have adjusted to the frigid north. We had a family reunion in North Carolina in July, John's brother Ken visited us in March, Rick and wife Joann visited us in August, and we visited Eric and Hailey in Rhode Island in September. Azariah John Heater was born to Dawson and Kate and big brother Samson on October 12 – all are healthy and adjusting to being a family of four. We enjoyed Thanksgiving at our house with John's parents, the Burkholders, and Mark, followed by a wonderful evening at Longwood Gardens with Mark, and most Sunday afternoons Megan and Jared with our four granddaughters hang out with us.

New Things:

Did we mention that we have a brand-new grandson? Linda was able to spend a week with our South Carolina Heaters enjoying our kids and grandsons. On the ministry front, we experienced our first Hurricane and we survived. (Thank you for your prayers and support, not only of us, but of our Jamaican community. Please continue to pray for those hardest hit on the Southwest part of the island.) TFA (kids/youth ministry) began an E-sports component to the ministry reaching and teaching young people with exciting results. Who knew video games could have such a redeeming value? Kezi serves as our community liaison connecting with our neighbors, assessing their needs, and organizing how to best help them. She also provides our TFA kids homework help, tutoring and coaching older teens regarding plans for their future. We added three additional board members this year and are excited about what they will be bringing to the table. We hired Chris, our new groundskeeper at TEAMS House, who is an artist with our yard. If you haven't been with us in the past six months, you won't believe the transformation! We adopted a puppy to join our Canine security team named Jolene – and she is already stealing hearts. And we are hosting our first Christmas holiday team from Chantilly Bible Church of Virginia from Dec 26 - Jan 3.



Growth:



With the addition of E-Sports, our TFA ministry has expanded and is taking the ministry on the road. The plan is for Nick and Kezi along with their Jr Leaders to help churches in different communities reach young people in their neighborhoods through video gaming. Nick is developing curriculum to go along with each video game, utilizing the games to help explain and apply scriptural principles. Nick's home church growing up will be participating in this new program and the Chantilly Team will be helping run a 4-day tournament at this church. Not only are students excited and growing through this ministry, but our Jr Leaders are fully engaged and stepping up.

Filling in the Gap:

While the numbers of J-Teamers continue to grow, we are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit Providers and Pharmacists for our medical teams. As a result, we often must operate our clinics with just two providers and one pharmacist. This past November J-Team, we only had one Provider from the States available to serve, but the Lord provided two Jamaican doctors help fill in the gap. Some of you might know one of them, Dr. Shereen Ramcharan-Palmer – Joe and Elaine’s daughter. And the other was Dr. Rose Marie Hamilton, who has helped us in the past. These two lovely ladies were a Godsend, and we hope to work together with them again. Another Godsend was the Relief Team that came the week following the November J-Team to help with Hurricane Melissa clean-up, house repairs, and food distribution. Last minute, sub-par conditions, and not sure what they would find – they still came and were a huge help in ministering to our community following the hurricane.



Jamaican Partners:

We are so blessed to have our Ministry Team Members – Nick and Kezia Walsh and Ipreeme Jones; our Jamaican Staff – Yvette, Avery and Mitsy; and our Jamaican Ministry Partners – Omar and Jackie Vassell, Perky and Roshane, Maxia, Sharon, Patrick Marshall, Chris and Oshane. It would be impossible to do what we are called to do without these folks faithfully partnering with us to minister to their communities.

You:
What we are most grateful for is *YOU!* Thank you for your faithful support of us and T4MM! What makes this ministry so enjoyable are the friendships and the encouragement that comes with them! This ministry has provided us the opportunity to reconnect with so many from past ministries and make new friends along the way as well. Your prayers, encouragement, financial support, emotional support, personal involvement, commitment to making this ministry yours – all helps us to keep on keeping on. Your generosity to this ministry never ceases to amaze us – thank you!



Please pray with us for 2026:

- ◆ Chinese outreach – as part of our February J-Team, we will have a group of six from the Chinese Bible Church of Howard County in Maryland canvas our community to identify and connect with our Chinese residents, visitors, and workers, and develop a strategy for reaching them for Christ. Please pray for this outreach and potential ministry expansion, culminating in a Sunday night dinner with any who would like to join us.
- ◆ Walshes’ visit – Nick and Kezia Walsh will be traveling to the US in March to visit supporting churches and individuals and help T4MM to recruit additional supporters. Pray for Kezia’s visa appointment on Dec 30th
- ◆ Missionaries in Jamaica – we are looking to recruit individuals or couples with spiritual maturity, administrative skills, a love for equipping and empowering people, and a heart for the Lord and people. Would involve living in Jamaica, overseeing property management, and being a resource/encouragement/spiritual influence on our ministry partners and ministry team members. This position is a support-based position.
- ◆ Assistant Director(s) – we are looking to recruit an individual or couple with spiritual maturity, leadership skills, organizational skills, and a heart for the Lord and people. Would involve traveling, at times leading teams in Jamaica, representing the ministry, and other duties depending on skillset. This position is a support-based position.
- ◆ Additional providers, pharmacists and nurses in our pool of J-Teamers
- ◆ 20% revenue increase to meet present and expansion needs
- ◆ The Heaters connecting personally with more churches and individuals

Merry Christmas and Keep lookin’ up,

John & Linda

