



Hey Hills Family,

This year has been unlike any year in most of our lifetimes. For many of us, we've had our everyday life challenged in ways we never imagined just 12 months ago. Working from home, homeschooling our children, missing family vacations, or finding ourselves isolated in our homes; whatever your situation, you don't have to look very far to see that the world is running on empty.

Every year, we provide a special opportunity to go above and beyond in our generosity through our annual end of the year offering. In light of all that has happened globally this year, we are more passionate than ever about serving people in our local community and across the world. In 2020, God has led us into new territory and reinforced the vision He put in us two years ago as the people of The Hills Church—to Reach the Midwest for Jesus.

When driving your car, one of the scariest things that can happen is to see the gas gauge steadily creep toward empty. When the little yellow indicator light comes on, you're almost out of gas. You don't know how many more miles you can still go, and you don't see a gas station. You grip the steering wheel, and hope you make it. The feeling of "I hope I make it" describes basically all of humanity in 2020. We have a world that is running on empty with stress, anxiety, and fear seeping into areas of our lives that were once secure. The good news is that we have the cure for living on empty. Matthew 11:28 says, **"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."** **The world needs this group of people called The Hills.**

This year we have been convicted as a staff that instead of giving 10% of our year-end offering to missions, we are going to flip the numbers and give 90% of our year-end offering to meet real needs in our local community and with our global partners.

In the tri-state alone we have 9,000 single mothers, 6,000 who live on less than \$30,000 annually. There are 1,300 children in our foster care system. The need for homeless services and free meals has risen 5% just this year. Across the globe, poverty and starvation were already a huge problem in years past and 2020 made the crisis even worse.

Here at home and across the globe, the numbers of those in need are staggering. We have conversations every day with people that have been isolated for 9 months, and they are looking for hope. Our global partners are doing everything they can to keep meeting the needs of their local communities, but are scared because they are seeing their regular support donations drop off. We see

the need. The world is running on empty. It's time for use to *Move the Needle* off empty, and towards full.

This year, our end of year offering goal is to raise \$140,000 above and beyond our weekly need. This offering will triple our support for our local and global partners so they can continue to meet the increasing needs they are experiencing. Here's how your giving will help move the needle:

- **Global Missions: \$75,000**
- **Local Community and Single Moms: \$50,000**
- **Branchville Campus and Rooted: \$15,000**

As a body of believers, we have to let our generosity be in the driver's seat if we are going to show this world that the God we serve can meet their needs. Already this year, your giving has made a huge impact on our community and the world. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, look what God has done through the people of The Hills:

- **Single Moms Oil Changes: 312**
- **Baptisms: 43**
- **Missions and Local Community Giving: \$43,963**
- **Over 1,000 people attend online services each week**

Your sacrifice has led to these changes. You made this happen! God is moving, and it's time to keep moving the needle so we can see God move even more in the year ahead.

As you are praying through what it looks like to take part in Move the Needle this year, consider one of these options to be a part:

- ***Never tried giving? Try giving a one-time gift of \$25.***
- ***Already a regular giver? Try increasing by a percentage, such as adding 5% or 10%, etc.***
- ***Do you feel God asking you to do more? Try to outgive God.***

I fully believe that as we encounter a world that is running on fumes, God is calling us to bring people to the One who can meet our needs. I believe that if we are faithful with what God has given us, we can trust that he will continue to supply our needs as well.

You are in the driver's seat. Your generosity and present sacrifice will fill others in the future. We encourage you to pray and be a part of *Moving the Needle* this year.

God Bless,

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You can give online at hillschurch.online/give, in-person in services, or mail checks to 1701 N First Ave, Evansville, IN 47710