



TOGETHER TO THE GRAND FINALE

Uniting *One Last Time* for LTN's Final Chapter

The journey of Love Thy Neighborhood over the past decade tells a story of faith in action. It's time to bring this story to its final chapter. **With your help, we can make our grand finale a beautiful ending.**

Dear Friends,

In 2014, when Kiana Brown and I planted the seeds of Love Thy Neighborhood, we could only imagine the impact and blessings that lay ahead.



Reflecting on the past decade, we're in awe of the extraordinary journey God has led us through. Our vision to disciple young adults has flourished, with 365 individuals contributing more than \$3.5 million worth of volunteer service to our city's nonprofit ministries. The Love Thy Neighborhood podcast, a project we hoped might resonate with a handful, has reached over 1.5 million listens, touching lives around the globe.

However, the landscape of volunteer service missions has changed significantly since our inception. Since COVID, the challenge of recruiting has grown. Data indicates a waning interest among young adults in programs like ours, with many seeing a sharp and unstable decline in participation. It's become significantly more expensive AND more difficult to recruit young adults. That is not a great combination for a small organization like ours.

We have always wanted to be wise stewards of



our supporter's time and generosity. Part of this is recognizing when to persist in faith and when to conclude in faith.

Facing these realities, we've reached a pivotal decision. **This summer, we will welcome our final class of missionaries, and by September, Love Thy Neighborhood will close its doors.**

This decision comes not from defeat but from a desire to end on a note of victory and celebration of what we've achieved. We've seen so many ministries limp across the finish line burnt out, disillusioned and wounded. We

don't want that! **We want to end effective, hopeful and grateful for all that God has done.**

Our final months are dedicated to five key objectives:

1. Providing our last cohort of missionaries with superb discipleship and mobilization.
2. Offering one final wave of support to our

- nonprofit partners through our interns.
- 3. Ensuring a thoughtful and caring transition for our dedicated staff.
- 4. Securing the future of the Love Thy Neighborhood podcast.
- 5. Celebrating the remarkable works God has



2016 Institute Missionaries

accomplished through us.

To fulfill these goals and ensure our team can conclude their journey with dignity and joy, we need your support one last time.

We are praying for an additional \$120,000 in support beyond our current commitments.

To reach this goal, we will need help both small and

Here's what we're excited about: ending on a high note! With your help, we can make our final efforts beautiful.

WHO IS LOVE THY NEIGHBORHOOD?

Located in Louisville, KY, Love Thy Neighborhood has been discipling and raising up the next generation of Christian leaders since 2014. Through nonprofit service with innovative ministries, intentional living in Christian community and discipleship through biblical teaching and mentoring, young adults are equipped to walk in the life and lifestyle of Jesus in modern culture. Love Thy Neighborhood serves young adults through the ten-week summer urban missions program LTN Intensive and through the eleven-month urban missions gap year program LTN Institute. In addition, the Love Thy Neighborhood podcast tells true stories to help people follow Jesus in modern culture.

365 **\$3.5M** **1.5M**

Young Adults
Have Been
Discipled &
Mobilized

Value of
Volunteer Hours
Given to Local
Nonprofits

Listens to the
Love Thy
Neighborhood
Podcast

large. Your gift will make the difference between ending poorly or ending with celebration!

Here's the straight talk: without enough funds, we won't have enough time to rehome the podcast, conclude our final episodes of 2024 or give our team the proper transition and send-off they deserve.

But here's what we're excited about: ending on a high note. With your help, we can make our final efforts beautiful. We can ensure our missionaries finish strong, support our nonprofit friends one last time, secure the future of the LTN podcast, and give our staff a goodbye that honors them. We can celebrate what God has done over the last decade.

Your donation isn't just money to us; it's the fuel for our final lap. It's what will change a mediocre ending into a fantastic one. We want to celebrate –

thanking everyone, sharing stories, and making sure everyone knows how much their work has meant.

Your gift to Love Thy Neighborhood will help us finish this chapter on a note of joy and celebration, not just for us, but for everyone involved. It's a chance to make a real difference one more time.

Will you help us with a donation this one last time?

The seeds we started planting in 2014 would never have grown and left such a legacy without



your support. Thank you for being part of our story.

Let's end this chapter well, celebrating the abundance of grace and transformation we've witnessed together.



In gratitude and hope,

Jesse Eubanks
Founder & President
Love Thy Neighborhood

P.S. We would love to invite you to our Grand Finale celebration. Save the date for Friday, August 2nd. We'll be throwing a frugal yet festive event to celebrate the marvelous deeds God has accomplished through Love Thy Neighborhood. We're excited to thank our alumni, partners, donors, staff and volunteers one last time! We'll send out more information soon.



*Top: Jesse and Kiana celebrating Love Thy Neighborhood's 10th anniversary in January 2024.
Bottom: Jesse and Kiana in 2014 when LTN launched.*



2020/2021 Institute Missionaries

TOTAL NEED TO COMPLETE LTN'S STORY: \$120,000

\$44,000
Already Raised!

\$76,000
Remaining Need

Look at all that God has done over the last decade! 365 young adults have been discipled and donated over \$3.5M worth of volunteer hours to ministries in our city. Our little podcast that we thought might be appreciated by a few people ended up being listened to over 1.5 million times. Let's finish this story with grace and strength and give LTN the grand finale it deserves!



2023 Summer Intensive Missionaries



HOW CAN WE MAKE AN EXCITING GRAND FINALE?

With your generous support, together we will:

1. DISCIPLE OUR FINAL CLASS OF MISSIONARIES

Provide our last cohort of missionaries with superb discipleship and mobilization.

2. SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS ONE LAST TIME

Offer one final wave of support to our nonprofit partners through our interns.

3. ENSURE A THOUGHTFUL TRANSITION FOR OUR STAFF

Facilitate a considerate, generous and supportive transition for our committed staff.

4. SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE PODCAST

Find a viable and lasting home for the Love Thy Neighborhood podcast.

5. CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH LTN!

Honor the missionaries, partners, donors, staff and friends God blessed LTN with over the last decade with a celebration.



2017 Institute & Intensive Missionaries

F.A.Q.

Q: Why is LTN closing?

A: Since COVID, LTN has experienced growing challenges with recruitment. The money and manpower required to recruit young adults for our programs has grown exponentially while delivering less returns. Rather than continuing to push our team and donors, we've decided to conclude our operations on a high note, ensuring we can properly support our missionaries, partners, and staff in the process.

Q: If LTN is closing, why are you asking for donations?

A: We want to end well! We've seen so many ministries limp across the finish line burnt out, disillusioned and wounded. We don't want that. We want to end effective, hopeful and grateful for all that God has done. Your donations will allow us to dedicate our final months of ministry to the five essential objectives we have outlined on previous pages.

Q: How will you help your staff transition well?

A: Staff have been given a six-month notice (providing adequate time to look for new employment) and will also receive severances as a sign of our appreciation for their years of dedication and service.

Q: What would happen if you didn't raise enough money?

A: Without enough funds, we would be unable to complete our final podcast episodes, would not have time to find a new home for the podcast to continue onward, would be understaffed for our concluding duties and would be unable to help our staff transition well. As opposed to ending on a note of celebration, we would end on a note of disappointment and disarray.

Q: What will happen with current missionaries serving with Love Thy Neighborhood?

A: With little exception, their experience with LTN will not be impacted. They will continue to have a full



LTN's 1st Cohort: 2014 LTN Summer Intensive Missionaries

and robust LTN experience. All missionaries are set to complete their service in the first week of August.

Q: What will happen to automated, online or mail donations received after August 31st?

A: All donations received on or before August 31st will be tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. All recurring donations will be canceled on August 31st. Any donations received via mail postmarked after August 31st will be returned to the donor.

Q: I give a monthly automated gift. When should I stop giving and what do I need to do?

A: You do not need to do anything! We'll take care of it. Your recurring donation will be canceled on August 31st.

Q: What will happen with the LTN Podcast?

A: We are currently exploring several promising options for a new home for the podcast. We will make an announcement once we know more.

Q: What will happen with all the furniture and other items you own?

A: The vast majority of the things we own will be sold off to help us care financially for our missionaries and staff. Other items will be donated to other nonprofits. Some items will be reallocated to assist the LTN podcast in its next chapter of ministry.

Q: What will happen to RelateBetter, LTN's social enterprise?

A: RelateBetter will continue on as a for-profit business and will still be found at RelateBetter.com.



**"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens... A right time
to hold on and another to let go."**

- Ecclesiastes 3 (The Message)



2021 Intensive Missionaries

JOIN US FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND IN LOUISVILLE!

Join us for our Grand Finale Celebration, a special event dedicated to commemorating the incredible journey of Love Thy Neighborhood. This gathering will honor what God has done through our missionaries, alumni, board members, partners, volunteers, donors and staff whose contributions have been pivotal over the past decade. Details announced soon.



Some of our 2018 Institute & Summer Intensive Missionaries. Front Cover: 2015 Institute & Intensive Missionaries.

DONATE NOW!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE LTN COMMUNITY

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Whether it's \$5, \$50 or even more, show your support by helping LTN in their Grand Finale. If the people and work of LTN have been a positive presence in your life, please consider giving one final gift to help.

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