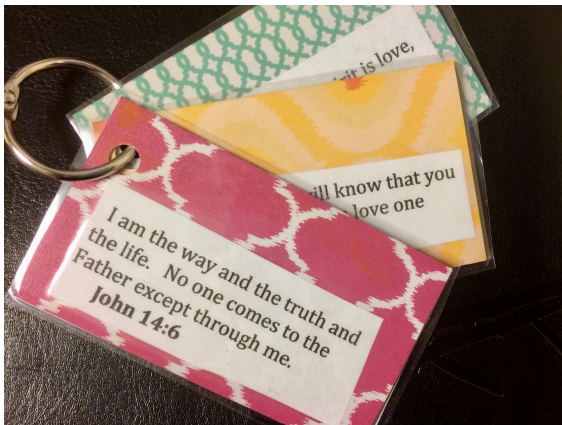


News from the Prayer Path

Leanna

Here's a little glimpse of your fruit from this past month:

I'm so grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial partnership. In this month's newsletter, we're highlighting the Transforming Tupelo project and our Digital Outreach efforts, none of which would be possible without your generosity. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough!



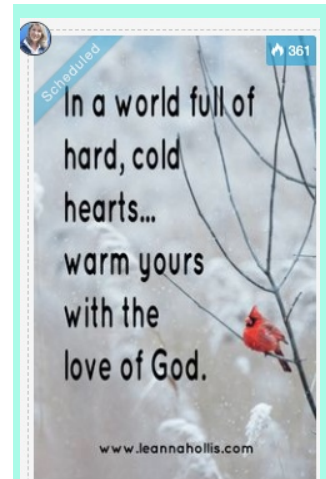
Our students use simple Scripture packs like these (top left) to study their verses. Many of them carry the packs in their pockets - even at school! So far, 55 of our students have memorized, quoted, and explained 96 verses!

One student explained Hebrews 13:8 this way: "Jesus is always the same and He always loves me." For students with difficult home situations, this simple bit of truth can be life-changing.

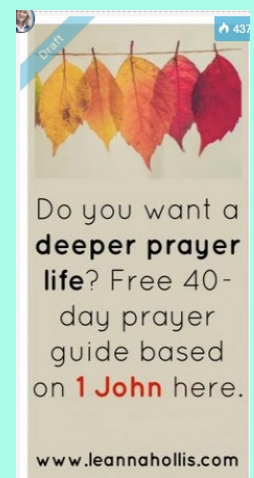
When you're working with students in tough situations and a history of bad choices, "quick fruit" is not always possible. However, one boy this month said, "I asked Jesus to save me, and He did!" We talked in depth about the importance of discipleship and Bible study. A young girl said, "I don't believe in hope, but this might be my last chance. If hope and Jesus are real, I want them." She's meeting weekly with a local minister/counselor now to help her learn more about following Jesus.



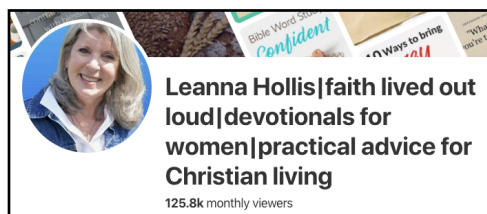
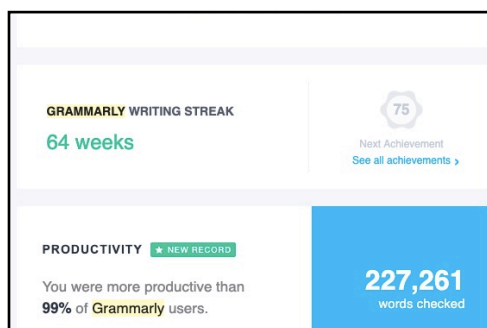
Secret Pals: Imagine working day after day with the most troubled students in the school system but never hearing a word of thanks. That's the situation in which teachers and staff at Tupelo Alternative School served, but it's not the case anymore thanks to the Transforming Tupelo Secret Pal program. All fifteen Tupelo Alternative School staff members were adopted by Hope Church members and have enjoyed gifts and treats all semester long. Many of the teachers said it was the first time they've ever received a gift of appreciation or a word of thanks. One staffer described her coworkers as "like kids at Christmas" when gifts arrive, whether it's a gift for them or someone else. Volunteers also served a surprise lunch and provided treats and gift cards during Teachers' Week.



This pin is less than two weeks old and has been shared via Pinterest and Facebook 563 times so far. Check out the post: www.leannahollis.com/the-importance-of-head-protection



This pin has been shared via 437 times. Visit the website at www.leannahollis.com and click on the 40-day prayer guide button to participate.



Digital Outreach is so much more than Facebook posts. You may not have seen me on social media as often in the last few months, but I'm still hard at work on digital outreach. These days, I'm putting my digital efforts where they have the most impact.

If the one-week word count total (upper left) seems incredible, it is! Compare with Tolstoy's *War and Peace* which has 587,287 words and took six years to write. Of course most of my words were not newly written, but that's how many words I worked with during one recent week. (My usual numbers are between 40K-100K weekly.)

I've used the lessons I learned at the Writers' Retreat in late March to make "hidden" pins for the Pinterest search engine, imbed them in blog posts, and re-code some sections of blog posts. I've re-written most of the ones I've worked on, as well. It's been a little overwhelming, but it's decreased the time spent in sharing blog posts considerably and simplified the process overall.

Prayer needs:

- For our students to have a safe summer and make wise choices.
- For upcoming mission trips to Nottingham, England (June) and Roatan, Honduras (July).
- Favor for several recent article submissions to Chicken Soup for the Soul.
- The Whisper Gathering 2019 women's retreat is September 5-7 at FCR Crows Neck Retreat Center. Save the date. Registration opening soon. Pray for us as we seek to assemble God's leadership team.

Can a click make a difference? Yes it can. Check out the impact on my Pinterest views. (lower left) Yep, up to nearly 126,000 view per month. I have a long way to go to meet my goal, but it's nice progress. Thanks to Pinterest and Tailwinds, my reach via pins designed to highlight Scripture truth from the Faith Lived Out Loud blog posts has exceeded 6.8 million. (Small, but growing.)

Do numbers matter? Yes and no. The "numbers" only matter because each "digit" represents the opportunity to share truth about the Christian life to those who view our materials and information.

We're reaching the world for Jesus one pin and blog post at a time. Through digital outreach, we can reach more people around the world than with any other tool available to us today. Your likes, shares, and follows are an important part of the process and help expand our reach, but nothing makes a difference like covering this portion of our outreach with diligent prayer. Thank you for your help in this effort.

Leanna joined Global Outreach as a peer-to-peer funded missionary in 2016. She's raising her own support and needs your help to make ministry projects like the Transforming Tupelo/Feeding students program possible. Contact her at: lhollis@globaloutreach.org

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