

## **KELSEY LINDELL**

### **1. Briefly remind our community about what you used your UR missional grant for.**

The UR community gave [Uphold](#) a grant to be used towards the IRS fees of becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization, so that we can empower others to give and hold confidence in our organization.

### **2. What have you learned as a result of moving out into the world missionally - about God, about other people, about yourself**

I've learned a lot about moving into the world missionally. I learned that God will give a dream, and He will provide you with the means to make it happen, but he won't micro manage you. Living missionally is mostly listening to the God whispers, applying God's wisdom and working your butt off. I've learned that living missionally isn't just about helping these children, it's about living in a way and believing in something bigger in yourself so strongly that non-Christian onlookers stop and do a double take because of the faith we have and the integrity we use to run the organization.

### **3. Where do you see this experience leading you in the future? Where do you sense God calling you?**

I'm doing this until the day I die, and I'm building it in a way that will carry on far longer than that. Uphold isn't about helping the 200 kids in Africa that I fell in love with, its about starting there and growing to help the hundreds of millions of children dealing with these conditions. As Uphold, we're serving as the much needed "middle man" between organizations that need resource and people in developed countries with the capacity to empower them. Uphold is being built in a way that will outlast my lifetime and will continue to grow and empower others to take a stance against this injustice.

### **4. What would you say to other Upper Room community members who might be trying to discern what God is calling them to and how could they take first steps?**

As long as it matches scripture and emulates the heart of God, do it. You may need or want to start small, but just do it. If your dream is biblically sound and aligns with what Jesus would do, even if it's not "your life's calling" per say, God will be totally pleased that you took a chance to do something awesome for him, and He will grow your faith for whatever is next. The world needs more brave Christians.

### **5. Are there other ways that UR community members can support you?**

Pray! [The neglect facing children with special needs in under-developed countries] is an injustice that the enemy has had tightly in his grasp for thousands of years and we believe that we have one of the keys to unlock this on a large scale, and our team has all been feeling mighty spiritual attack because of it. Pray against that, pray for wisdom and discernment for our leadership team, and financial provision.

Give! Invest your **heart** : Your heart for these children grows as you tell others about them. Contact us to help us help you raise awareness in your spheres of influence. No one knew AIDS was an issue until someone told them it was an issue, no one will know this is an issue until we tell them -- you can be a part of that. In fact, we need you to be.