

Dear Friends in the Dayton Mission Leaders Network,

Please continue to lift up our dear friend Kirk and his family as they continue to walk this journey of grief, and celebration of the life and legacy of Paula Lithander. Her memorial service on Saturday was the most amazing, uplifting, and worshipful celebration of life that I've ever witnessed. It was a deep joy and privilege to be part of that service. Paula's focus during her illness was "I Choose Joy." I know it's a big part of her legacy, as well. Let's honor her this day and bless our communities and our world by *choosing joy*. What a beautiful witness to the lost, the broken, the orphaned, the impoverished, the marginalized, the hopeless of our world; and what a gracious invitation to experience Christ's abundant life.

Gratefully yours on the journey,  
*Elizabeth*