



MATTIE J.T. STEPANEK FOUNDATION
E-PEACE UPDATE – NOVEMBER, 2011
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**Hello Peace Champions, members of Mattie's Peace Network,
and friends of Mattie's Foundation!**

General update – On Being Thankful

The **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation** has much to be thankful for this year. Our **"Peace Network"** reached more than 1,000 members, our **For Our World Campaign** succeeded in translating Mattie's 9/11 poem into 50 languages, and our very first **Peace Celebration** was a great success despite inclement weather. We are also celebrating that Mattie's life story (**"Messenger"**) reached the *NY Times Bestseller* list, that our website received a whole new look (thanks to volunteer webmaster Donna Hrozencik), and that the message of hope and peace Mattie offered the world continues to ripple out and touch lives with a gentle strength. And, during our November meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors grew from five dedicated members to nine, and more and more volunteers keep signing up to serve on committees or during Foundation events.

Mattie often said that a champion is someone who 'takes the message and becomes the next messenger by giving it voice and life.' On behalf of the Board of Directors, I say "Wow, and thank you!" to each and every volunteer and member of Mattie's Peace Network. You are champions for hope, and for peace. As we move through the Thanksgiving holidays, may you recognize and celebrate many blessings, and may you realize more reasons to smile than to sigh as each day comes to a close. --- *With appreciation, Jeni ("Mattie's mom")*.

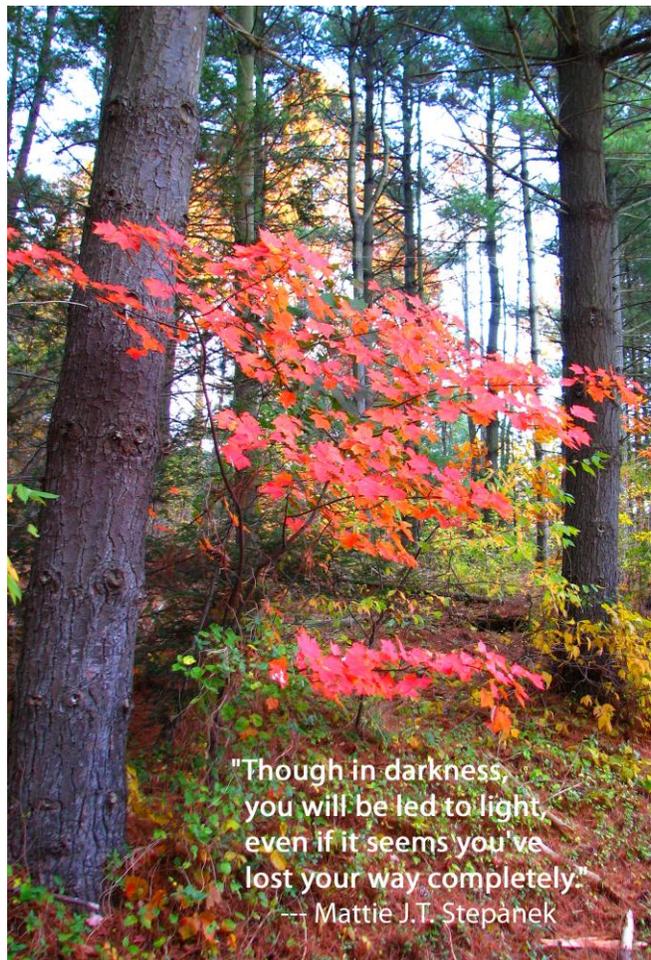
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November Inspiration:

On Being Thankful

Dear God,
I was going to thank You tonight
For a beautiful sunrise,
That was pink behind the fog down the hill,
And for a wonderful rainbow,
That I ran under pointing to
All my favorite colors,
And for such a great sunset,
That sparkled orange across the water.
I was going to thank You tonight
For all of these special gifts,
Except that none of them happened.
But do You know what?
I still love You, God,
And I have lots of other things
That I can thank You for tonight,
Even if you didn't give those
Very special gifts to me today.
It's okay, God,
Because I'll look for them all again,
When my tomorrow comes.
Amen.

Mattie J.T. Stepanek
November, 1995 (age 5)
In *Journey Through HeartSongs*
(Hyperion, 2002)



"Though in darkness,
you will be led to light,
even if it seems you've
lost your way completely."
--- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

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