

Dear Friends and Family,

I hope each of you are doing well and looking forward to the spring. My final semester here at Carolina is the perfect way to close this season of my life as I approach graduation on May 11th. I'm writing to ask you to specifically pray for me as I move into the next phase. I will be attending the Kanakuk Institute in Branson, Missouri next fall. I have the unique opportunity to attend the Institute and devote eight months (September - April) to intense Bible study and leadership training. The Kanakuk Institute's mission is to 'equip leaders with Biblical skills for a lifetime of ministry.' Many students graduate from the Institute and go into full-time ministry, some pursue higher degrees, and others enter the business world. Regardless of what comes next, I believe the foundation provided by this program is essential for my growth as I move into life after college and want to make an impact for Christ.

A typical day at the Institute includes classes and Bible studies. Discussions include contemporary issues, theological doctrine, and an inductive study of several major books of the Bible. After morning classes, I will have the opportunity to be a mentor in the Big Brother/Big Sister program in Branson and have an internship with a local ministry so I can put what I'm learning into practice. Additionally, one of my past campers from K-2 lives near Branson, so I'm hoping I will be able to find time to invest in her on a regular basis. I'm looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the new experiences I will have as part of this program. I'm also excited to begin studying and actively engaging with the Scriptures and various issues we will discuss. God has a lot to teach me in this next year and I'm ready to embark on the journey.

This past year has been one full of growth and new understanding as God challenged me in many ways. I believe very strongly in the power of prayer as I have seen many of you rally around me and pray on a consistent basis. Once again, I am asking you to faithfully pray for me as I prepare for the Institute and as I study there this next year. I want to make the most of the time I will have to learn from some of the most-respected Bible teachers in the country. My time at the Institute will conclude with a mission trip to one of three locations. Previous locations included Trinidad, New Orleans, and Israel. This trip provides the opportunity to put everything I learn into practice. I'm hoping to go on the Israel trip and walk the streets where Jesus walked, sit and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, walk along the shores of the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, and visit many other prominent places from Biblical history.

As I prepare for this year of leadership training and Bible study, would you commit to praying for me on a regular basis? I need an army of prayer warriors pleading on my behalf because I know I will face countless obstacles as Satan attempts to thwart the growth of God's kingdom. Will you also prayerfully consider supporting me financially throughout this year? Each student is asked to raise support for the cost of attending the Institute. Please consider making a monthly donation of 25, 50, or 100 dollars or a one-time donation. The support-raising process provides hands-on training in stewardship as I raise the \$11,880 needed to cover the cost of tuition, room & board, academic materials & resources, and living expenses. The first \$5,940 is due in September and the second \$5,940 is due next April. I am trusting God to provide for this need, and I am asking you to partner with me as I commit to investing this next year as a time of leadership training and mission work. The

Institute asks that you make your checks payable to me, Rebekah Brinkley. Please mail them to ABCDEFG and I will write a personal check to cover my expenses. Thanks for being part of my team!

Until the Whole World Knows,

****One-time @ \$100 = \$11,900 ((need 119 people)); \$25 per month (beginning April 07) = \$300 ((need 40 people)); \$50 per month (beginning April 07) = \$600 ((need 20 people)); \$100 per month (beginning April 07) = \$1,200 ((need 10 people))**