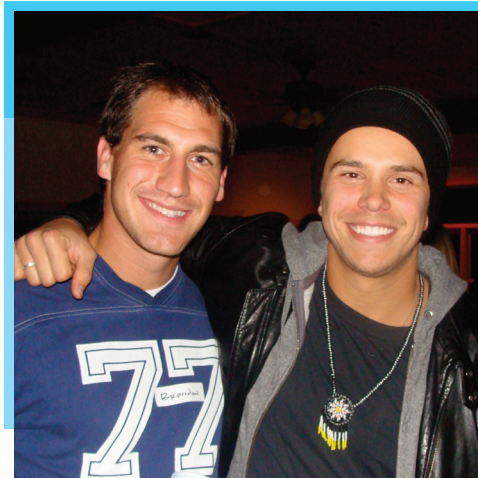


Spring Newsletter

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Hi.

Spring is just around the corner, and my studies at the Kanakuk Institute will come to a close in less than two months. It seems hard to believe how quickly the days here have just flown by. God is continuing to reveal himself to me in Branson, and He is always faithful to have his hand on my life as I pursue Biblical truth.

Since my last newsletter, we have been moving forward in our explorations of the New Testament. We have heard from notable speakers like Dr. Gary Smalley, Joe White, and Tom Nelson, as well as staff from Focus On The Family and Dallas Theological Seminary. The more we dive into the Word of God, the more I realize that my comprehension of the Bible will be a lifelong pursuit. It almost seems I have more questions about the Bible now than when I started, but I thank God that I am much more equipped, after having this time at the Institute, to know how to study and pull answers from its pages.

I am currently working on my belief statements, which are my stances on theological issues and my beliefs according to the Bible. I will be required to defend my statements at the end of the semester in front of a panel of Professors and Pastors. I am a bit nervous but I am truly looking forward to the challenge.

Outside the classroom, things are going really well. My internship with Forsyth First Baptist Church is a huge blessing in my life. I am still involved with seventh and eighth grade guys and am enjoying the opportunity to teach and share with them as I learn more and more about the love of Christ.

God has been opening many doors (unlikely ones to say the least) during the past couple months to provide for me financially at the Institute, allowing me to be used in many ways both on an off campus. I have been nicknamed "LOW-HAIR-A", and have been offering my barbershop expertise to classmates as well as the Branson community. Ironically enough, business is booming! Additionally, I have been able to pick up some screen printing projects from various groups in the area. About 20 of my classmates went to Israel for spring break, and I was able to design and silk screen T-shirts for them.

I have also been collaborating with other students and staff of the Kanakuk Institute as a part of a creative team that is in the process of launching new visual media for our school. I am continually joyed to be able to use my skills as a designer and artist to bless people in my life.

This summer I will be working at Kanakuk, K-Seven. I am so excited to see how God will use me to impact kids' lives! I am also looking forward to seeing some of my previous kampers again at kamp!

As I begin to think about what I will be doing after the summer, I ask you to join with me in prayer for guidance. There are a few options that should be opening up soon, and I want to make sure that I am following God's perfect plan for my life. I would appreciate your support and prayers as I seek direction for the next season of my life. I look forward to being able to share what is next with all my friends and family when the answer comes. I have full faith that God will provide, just like He always does!

Support is continuing to come in from all over the country for my tuition at the Institute. It has been a beautiful display of God's provision, and I know He will keep meeting all my needs. If you feel lead to join my team, I offer my gratitude and ensure that your donations are being used to impact the world for Christ. To those who have so generously given already, THANK YOU!

Please feel free to contact me at any time. I would love to hear from you. Happy Spring!

Truly yours,
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