

JOE'S JOURNEY



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Greeting and 2nd term classes

Hello all! October has been an incredible month. From field selections, growing closer to classmates, growing spiritually, and even an incredible ten day trip! Final exams were at the beginning of the month and I'm happy to say that I passed all my classes. The first term classes were so good. From studying the books of Luke and Acts to surveying the Old and New Testaments, I learned a lot. The classes we have this term include Romans with Princeton Palmer, Spiritual Disciplines with Pat Sheaffer, Christian Evidences with Kevin Haynes, New Testament Church with Cory Burns, and Men and Women with a mission with various different teachers. The Men and Women with a mission class is one I am really looking forward to. They will split guys and girls in every class and us men will learn how to be a man of God.

I can't wait to see my growth in that class. Being a man of God is something I greatly strive to be.

Field selections

At the end of October, on Friday the 29th we will have field and team selections. It is a nerve wracking time for some of the students and even myself. The field choices are, Apaxco Mexico, Mexico City, Wasilla Alaska, Arlington Texas, Phoenix Arizona, Albuquerque New Mexico, La Serena Chile and Bagiuou city Phillippines. We sadly lost three fields, England, Oregon and New Zealand. We have actually added a 9th field in Tacoma Washington. Please pray that God puts us AIMers with the right classmates and the right field.

HUT and Beaumont trip

After finals were all said and done, we loaded up the bus and headed out on our long ten day trip. First we stopped in North Little Rock where we hung out with the Windsong Church of Christ. They were a super awesome church, very welcoming. After morning service, we went a few hours north to HUT. HUT is a 100 acre global village owned by Harding University. We spent two and a half days learning about different cultures and went through different simulations. The whole experience really humbled me. We then traveled Beaumont Texas and spent a few days with the Westgate Church of Christ, and going back and forth between Sulphur Louisiana and Beaumont Texas doing hurricane relief work with the Churches of Christ disaster relief. It was awesome to hear about all the work that has been going on there. They've led people to the Lord, planted churches and changed peoples lives. Then on Saturday, we went to the the Gulf of Mexico. It was such an awesome time hanging out with friends and just having a fun time at the beach. When we got back we helped out with Westgate's fall festival. It was very tiring but hanging out with all the young children that came to the festival was really fun. The next morning on Sunday we were to head to DeRidder and hangout with the church that day, but our bus had issues. So we borrowed the vans from the Westgate church. We are very grateful to the church for lending their vans. After DeRidder we made it back to Lubbock. The trip was amazing but it was great to get back to the apartments and relax.



Closing Remarks

October was a great month, I grew so much in myself and in growing relationships. Thank you all for your support. I can't wait to share with y'all about November.

Prayer requests

Our AIM bus is getting very old and it will soon be time to buy a new one

The contract with the Apartment complex in town that we use is up after this year. SIBI and AIM are looking for new housing sites

Field selections are coming up. Please pray for our field selections and that God puts all students where they are needed.

Tucker, one of the AIMers, broke his arm in half. Pray for his recovery.

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