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“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

2 Timothy 4:7

My Dear Friends,

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It is with great delight (*and quite a bit of relief!*) that I am able to tell you I have, by God’s grace, finished my classes. The last assignment was turned in promptly on January 7th and I have been able to sit back and stare at the year that has just passed. I can hardly believe that my classes are finally finished! Thank you so much for your prayers, especially during these past few months. It has been pretty intense, hasn’t it? But God is so faithful – and my instructors have been so gracious. I cannot begin to thank Pastor Robert St. John and Pastor Ryan Limbaugh enough for the time, effort and attention they have poured into these classes for the last 12 months. Or, for their patience and repeated willingness to answer even the most off-the-wall questions!

I officially graduated from “The Institute for Biblical Studies” on Sunday, January 17. This brought to a close some 5 years of Bible classes. Five years! It doesn’t feel as though it’s been so long. I praise God for allowing me to take these classes. Through the years, He has been so gracious in providing the things I needed to be able to continue studying, growing to know His Word better each year – and growing to know Him better, as well. Perhaps the one thing that jumps out at me more than anything else is the unity of the Bible as a whole. Christ truly is the golden thread weaving through every book!

I’ve learned so much during these past years. I’ll never forget one of my first classes at TIBS was a class on “Basic Inductive Bible Study Methods”. I had grown up in a Christian home and had attended a Bible church for years, but that class was my first introduction to that simple and effective Bible study method. In many ways, I think it laid a foundation for the rest of the entire course of study. Certainly, you get much more out of Bible classes with a solid understanding of Bible study methods.

My graduation means that I’ve met one of the last requirements to be able to return to Peru as a career missionary. I have one requirement left – my Internship at World Reach International Headquarters in Birmingham. And we didn’t waste any time; I graduated on Sunday, January 17th and began my internship the very next day!

Once my internship is over, only my support level will determine how soon I can leave for Peru. If the Lord provides the remainder of financial support needed, I could leave as “early” as the last week of February!

My financial support is currently at about 72%. That number is hugely encouraging and I am so grateful to all of you who are partnering with me in this way. But that still leaves about 28% needed before I can return to Peru.

Please join with me in praying that God will use these remaining few weeks to raise the rest of the support I need. Prayer is powerful and God does answer. To the God who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the remaining 28% of my support is less than nothing. I am excited to see how He will continue to provide through our combined prayers.

Please praise the Lord with me for His strength and grace during these last few months. Praise Him for allowing me to finish the course and to turn in those last assignments on time. He is so good to me!

Thank you all so much for your prayers. They have held me up and helped me this far and I know they will continue to support me the rest of the way. As you pray, please ask that Christ would glorify Himself in me. That is my greatest goal and my heart’s desire.

Rejoicing in Christ,

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