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Miracle...

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AIM Starts

Hello supporters! This is my first newsletter and I can't wait to tell you about my first month in AIM!

Classes

August has been crazy, my first two days consisted of Orientation, and moving in. After this I was introduced to my first four classes! I have Historical Christian Evidences; taught by Kevin Haynes, The Life of Christ; taught by Patrick Schaeffer, The Old Testament; taught by Bill Tracy, and The New Testament; taught by Gibby Gilberts. After this classes started immediately, giving almost no break and a lot of homework. One of the homework assignments I was given was to memorize the greek alphabet characters (both uppercase and lowercase), and the names of the

characters. In Old Testament we were given a seminar on the hebrew language and traditions, this was given by Steven Mick (a hebrew historian), we learned some of the phrases and their meanings. Some of the homework that is due every other class day for Life of Christ, are what the teacher calls C.R.Q.'s (Chapter Review Questions), these sheets of paper hold questions that pertain to the book of Luke and the walk of Christ on earth.

### **Meet The Roommates!**

The apartments me and my roommates live in are about a 15 minute drive away from the school, due to construction, and about 20 minutes on a bike. My roommates are Jake Cantrell (20), from California, Holden Hensley (19), from Texas, and Luke Robinson (19), also from Texas. They are a great group of guys, and we hold bible studies each night to see how we each are doing. I've been extremely blessed by this and have had the opportunity to bless others as I go through this program. I know almost my entire class by name and face, and so far have great relationships with all of them. This class is forty-seven in number with twenty-three boys, and twenty-four girls. All of them have a heart for God and a willingness to do what he wants.

### **Weekend In Canadian, Texas!**

With the first weekend the class took our first trip (free of charge) together to Canadian, Texas. We went down on Saturday, and spent the night with what are called Host-Families, which are people who volunteer to give AIMers places to spend the night till the following morning. I and two of my roommates were chosen by the Page family, they have two little girls named Payton (8), and Kayra (4), and a little boy named Nathaniel (6). It was an amazing experience, they were incredibly supportive and loving, and the food was delicious! During this trip the class was asked to help serve the community there in Canadian, me and a few others were chosen to go and clean up and mow some yards, it was hot and sweaty but fun, after which we were fed dinner and had a great time playing with the youth group, and childrens classes. The second weekend was TCC (Teen Christian Conference) in Denver City, TX, I was able to see my parents, siblings, and friends that I havent seen in a long time. The speakers this year were: Jared Hall, Matt Clark, Fred Hall, and Ray Young, the theme this year was Let God Arise. It was a great time and the entire AIM class was able to go, which doesn't always get to happen. After the conference an Accappella band named Durant was able to come and put on a concert for everyone. We ended up getting back Lubbock at around 10:30pm which is thirty minutes early for curfew so it was a little hectic trying to get back to the apartments in time for curfew, but it was an amazing experience, just like every year.

### **Area Church: The Journey To Lockney**

Later in August our class was assigned to our area churches, I and 8 others were given Lockney Church of Christ. The others going are: Brennan Spear (18), Timothy Kinnard (19), Marshall Schmidt (18), Cassandra Webb (23), Jordan Hise (18), Nicole Philipps (21), Lauren Guthrey (19), and Sabra Lowe (18). They are a great group, and we get along famously well. The ministries associated with this Church are P.A.C. (Parent/adolescent, center), singing at the home for the elderly, and random service projects throughout the neighborhood. The project we did this month was picking an apple tree mostly clean of over 800 apples! The elderly folks home was alot of fun! We met so many people and heard so many different stories, with a ton of different backgrounds. The church at Lockney is immensely supportive in what they say and do, and they are very loving, and caring. One of the members there is a former eagle scout, and a prominent member of the scouting troop in Lockney, and his troop went to the camp I staffed at this year,

we were able to make the connection, and we had a long talk about scouting and the changes that were made in the program itself. Another person we met was Grandpa Bill; Grandpa Bill loves AIMers very much, with the most selfless love, and for the longest time. He is supposed to take us to dinner sometime in Plainview, at Leal's. He is a great encouragement to the area church team at Lockney, and he can't wait to feed us dinner.

### Salutations

Still working on support and the letters are still being sent out, if you know of someone who wants to support mission work but doesn't know where or how, I would appreciate any help I could get. The prayers and mental support I've received so far have been exceedingly great and have encouraged me immensely. I thank all of you for the support I have received, both in prayers and financially.

May the Lord of peace Himself give you His peace at all times and in every way. May the Lord be with all of you. -2 Thessalonians 3:16-

In love and prayers, Samson Weiss

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### Roomates



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