



The Herbert Herald

Tristen's March!

The Changes

Howdy Friends! It has been a wild ride these past few weeks and everybody is handling it to the best of their abilities. I wanted to **honor my commitment** and share what I have done in preparation for my field. Yes, I still look to leave for Ireland as soon as I possibly can. It is my mission point and I feel my place there is still secure, my coordinator still wants to see us arrive when we can and begin work with the community. However, my original departure date has been pushed back to an unknown time until everything is cleared up. After the eight months of study in Lubbock, students are given a month or so to return home and spend time with family before heading to their fields, my time with my family has just been extended slightly. What does that mean for me? Well, I have more time to speak with supporters and raise the last of the monthly support I need for my field time.

I have already arrived in Washington state and have been staying with my family the past few weeks. There was a period of self isolation after traveling in the airports but now I am free to be with my family and begin my work here. Normally an AIMers Lubbock time ends mid April but the leadership decided to follow suggested guidelines set forth and disband early. Thankfully all of our classes have been completed and we are set for our positions as apprentice missionaries. Although, sadly we missed out on some of the traditions that AIM holds as our goodbyes. It was a quick and somewhat awkward exit, but under the guidance of our administration I saw them handle the situation to the best of their abilities and honor us with their dedication to our wellbeing. With all that being said, we left early and have been sent home. As I stated, this time is not for me to sit back and wait. I have goals and requirements to meet before I am able to leave for my field. I understand that raising more support will be difficult with the stay at home order and people being kept from working and meeting on Sundays (my two biggest avenues are congregations and individuals) but I believe that God works for us even in hard times. I cant just sit here and not be able to say I gave it my all.

I ask for prayers and more, if you are able to pledge any amount in monthly support or know someone who can, please contact me. On the same coin, if you are a current supporter and times have become hard and need to take a break on support, I completely understand. Please reach out to me and let me know.

One more thing, I've heard from a handful of people that its believed I contracted the Virus. Thankfully I have not. Its true there was a small scare and that precautions were taken, but I am well and healthy. Thank you all who prayed for me during that time.

What did March look like?

Like I said before, March was a little unconventional. The biggest things that happened was the last of our classes in the beginning of the month, and Camp Adventure. We rested and waited to see where the country was going to go with everything. When the time came for Camp Adventure, everything was still ok and it was decided to continue as planned. The campers were really excited about this decision because of the significance it has for many of them. Camp Adventures purpose is to show what its like to be an AIMer. And it is a time of spiritual renewal for many of the teens. Our hope for any Camper is to be life long followers of Christ, whether they find that with AIM or not, so we try to impart spiritual examples of young adults who share that hope, lessons that have that focus in mind, AIM Alumni who share their own stories, and introducing peers who may be in your class. Camp ended a little early and very quickly so did our Lubbock time. A March Madness trip had been planned and on it we would have spent two weeks heading to the East Coast. At the end of March I took my leave of Lubbock and made my way home.

Thus my time was complete and now I look to the next step. I will have to follow the stay at home order, but I'd like to finish April strong and prepare. I know that if things clear up in time I will Staff at a youth retreat in the next month or so. Until then, thank you to everyone who has prayed for me and gotten me this far, you are the foundation that makes this possible.

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