



Herbert Herald



Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I am blessed to share so much with you in this newsletter, **updates on the work** as well as **updates on my field**. To simply tell you that God is good and active in my life would be an understatement. He is so intertwined with every second of every day, every choice and thought are geared towards His will and plan. I am constantly surrounded by people who love and put Him first. Even in the times where I stumble and forget what it is all for, I have strong mentors and friends who pick me back up to carry me ever onward. This ministry called AIM that sends young adults into the world has changed my worldview to the point that I cannot imagine who I would be without the experiences that have shaped me. All I know now, is that I want to be a complete disciple of Christ, and share that with others for the rest of my life. There is only one calling that feels true to who I am and what I have become, **I wish to pursue ministry**.

This dream can be accomplished in a secular job, in any interaction that I have really, but I want this to be my focus. To give everything that I have to God's work here on Earth. In Luke 10:2 Jesus explains that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. This was true then, and is still true today. On this last Sunday we had a guest speaker from a missions group explain how they have seen God alive and active in their ministry. People of different religions coming to Christ, amazing stories of redemption and revival, making disciples and equipping them to go and make more. God is much bigger than we can truly comprehend, His plan will continue despite our hesitations. The harvest is plentiful, and I have seen how the workers are few. Life happens, and people are always doing their best to carry on. Sometimes in this busy world we can overlook the needs of the soul for even ourselves. So how can we be expected to worry about the spiritual wellbeing of those around us? In such a fast paced world, who will go for our Lord? I want to be that someone. One who dedicates his life to the work of the harvest. In each generation a torch is passed on. We can never let that light go out. We as the body of Christ must continuously raise up mature Christians in this ever changing world. This is our great commission, to make disciples and baptize them into our God's name.

This is why I have decided to continue in ministry after AIM. I can't wait around for someone else to rise up, not when God has equipped me to continue on. My Dad always taught me on the jobsites and at home with chores, "if you see a job that needs to get done, and you are able to do it, don't leave it for someone else. Get up and go." **My current plan** (unless God tells me otherwise) is to stay in Arlington till either this upcoming December or March and finish my apprenticeship. After my I graduate from AIM, my wish is to further my studies at SIBI and work on a Bachelors in Youth and Family Ministry.

I've always been interested in youth ministry and would often ask every youth minister I had an opportunity to talk with what it was like, explaining that I was interested as well. They would be very honest and tell me that it was hard emotionally and spiritually at times, and I should be very cautious if I intended to pursue it. Recently, I have received strong encouragement in prayer and mentos that this is what I am called to do. And so, to gain more experience in the field that I love, I worked with my coordinator to extend my field time by 4-6 months, allowing me more hands on opportunities with the youth group here at Woodland West. More personal training geared towards my own growth from my coordinator. And the ability to continue with the community that God has blessed me to work with as an AIMer. I am nervous about this extension and what it might look like. I will be the only AIMer who is continuing here, which will be a difficult shift to not have my teammate's support. But God is faithful and has provided already. The congregation at Woodland West, as well as the community at the Tri-C, are so kind and loving that I know that I will never be alone. Please pray for me as I continue to pursue God's calling in my life. AIMing to serve, Tristen Herbert.

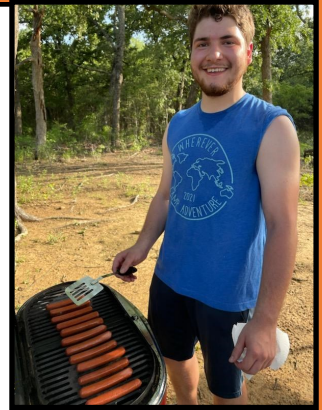


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The Work

To say that we have stayed busy the past few weeks would be an understatement. God has answered our continuous prayers to bless our efforts with fruit over and over again. When I first arrived to the field we were still in the worst of the pandemic, and we had to learn hard lessons of patience, leaning on God's time rather than our own. I could not have known that only a year later we would be active on so many fronts. As AIMers we are often called upon for different service projects, such as helping a teacher move, putting together invitations for church events, and volunteering as adult chaperones for the different youth events. I started to think about Woodland West being a sleeping beast this whole time, we primarily worked in college ministry as we waited for the congregation to wake up and begin to open their doors. And now that they have welcomed everyone back in full swing, there are endless ways that we can stay involved.



One of the biggest things that we have done with Woodland West thus far is preparing for Emerge Sunday (May 22-23) and the Block Party (June 12). The Block Party will be a fun time to welcome everyone back in the community, a grand way to say, "we are open and ready to serve this community, come join us!" Apart from the many meetings of preparation, we have spent hours focusing on getting the word out and encouraging the congregation to invite their neighbors. I have also had opportunities to spend intentional time with the youth group, doing my best to let them know that I care about who they are. My hope is that this will open doors down the road for open and honest conversation about Christ and how they see him in their own lives. Here in Arlington, there is no shortage of work to dive into and invest. One thing that I know to be true is that God gives us all the ability and opportunity to be active in His kingdom work, He already gave each of us a call to action in Matt 28:18-20. The question remains, who will go for Him? My prayer for the body

is that we remember how we can all go for Him. But, even with that open invitation we must make the choice to step out in faith. Put one foot in front of the other, and trust in the Lord.



The Photos

I'm never sure what to highlight about the field that I work on. I love to share how active and fun it is, every picture in this newsletter has a story and memory that goes with it. In the **top right** I am grilling for a college event we had by the lake, playing games and enjoying fellowship. Deepening bonds and relaxing in God's creation. On the **top left** I placed a picture from when we helped a librarian move into her new office, they had giant paper mache animals that they let us take a few photos with. The **mid-left** picture shows us stuffing paper invitations into soda cozies that were donated as a promotional tool for the Block Party. We spent five hours that day doing promotional work, three of those hours were spent stuffing the invitations. When we had made it half way through the pile, they told me I had been stuffing them all backwards... oops. Luckily they said not too worry too much and just flip the ones that I saw in front of me. **Bottom right** is me grilling again, this time for the emerge weekend. There was a car show in the midst of the festivities and the youth group sold hot dogs and hamburgers as a fund raiser for our mission trip this summer. I was put on the grill and handed an apron to wear as protection against the grease, I rocked that apron. While I grilled, the youth group handled the customers and ice cone machine. **Bottom left** shows me "fishing" at a pond. The church has a couple of avid fishermen in their ranks and since I am all about trying as many experiences as possible while I'm here in Arlington, I put out the word that I was interested in joining them. Well, one of the families that enjoys fishing got word and decided to gift me my own Buzz Lightyear fishing pole. It comes with a little green fish so that you are guaranteed a catch with every cast (it was this < > big) . After taking a few pictures highlighting my new pole, I picked up one a little more geared towards the Large Mouth Bass of the area. Nothing caught that day, but I spent some good time just talking with the two guys that took me.



We are looking forward to **Summer Camp** at the end of this month June 27-July 3rd. We are taking the youth group to Pine Springs, a camp put on by LCU. Our role will be less of counselors and more about dishwashing and spending time with the kids. I love summer camp and I spent three years as a counselor in WA. I am Looking forward to this blessing to give back and share the joy of the Lord at camp.

