

Dear Immanuel Bible Church,

First of all, I want to apologize for not having written you more. I love my home church and have neglected to maintain communication with everyone or kept updated with how my New Tribes Bible Institute learning has been going. God, thankfully is so much more faithful than me though, and He has taught me so much about Himself over the last semester.

Through classes I have been learning more and more about what God is really like, from how He revealed Himself to his people in the Old Testament, what it means to be His son and how we as the church interact with Him today. The most impactful difference that Bible School has had on my life has been in my relationship with God. As one of my professors has so wisely told me, it is through beholding God that we are transformed into the image of His son and our thoughts are renewed by the Spirit. What I believe about God affects how I behave and how I behave gives away what I believe about God.

One of the struggles I went through last semester that I want to express my thankfulness for, is finances. In the first week of school, when I was trying to find the money to pay for my classes, I received money from my wonderful church that I wasn't expecting at all. This meant so much and it is to my embarrassment that I have not mentioned this sooner. God is slowly teaching me to rely on Him and the body of Christ to give everything up to Him and trust the Lord who provides. Here is to maturing slowly, because I have a long walk in sanctification.

It has been incredible and as I have beheld God as He has revealed himself in His word, He has been transforming my thinking so much. I just finished my Theology class and the truth of God's name, Jehovah Jireh—"God Provides" was extremely prevalent in my life last semester. God humbled me in many ways and has been healing my relationship with my parents in huge ways since last Spring.

Here is a link to my blog for full updates on what is going on in my life:

<http://believerinthingsofold.blogspot.com>

Your brother in Christ,
James Harder