

November 6th, 2014

My dear IBC family,

I'm over halfway done with my senior semester here at New Tribes Bible Institute! It has been such a journey... I can't wait to write my final update on it at the end of the semester and just look over all of the things that I have learned here... it already encouraged me immensely. Right now I am studying Revelation, which can be hard to follow at points; exploring the epistles in Christian Life, often basic, yet reassuring; and studying Colossians. I'm also searching out the topic of Lordship Salvation on my own, to see where I believe the Bible stands on the controversial subject. I get mixed opinions from many people who have studied it far more than I, but I seek to test the waters so that I can "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what [they say] was true." (Acts 17:11).

I am still building relationships here, especially discipleship relationships with staff. I love, love, love that about this place. The family I connect with the most, however, has been unavailable as they just had a two month early baby boy... but they're doing well, if super busy. So I've been investing in others and learning lots.

God has challenged me to seek Him above all else. What am I willing to sacrifice for Him and to further His cause? Everything. And He is pushing me to move that mental assertion to action on several fronts, even when I least expect it. His faithfulness to me has blown me away. When I tend to sit back and say I've grown enough for now, He pushes me again beyond my comfort zone and into the realm where I am forced to trust Him. And I couldn't be more thankful!

The internship is shaping up! I'm so excited! They told me to start applying for passports and begin raising support. I've begun the passport application. I got a bunch of flyers from the coordinator, and will likely bring them to church the next Sunday I am home, so that you know what I am getting myself into! In the meantime, their website is www.exchangeyourworld.com. I will formally request support when I get an official acceptance and estimate from them, but if you all would begin prayerfully considering partnering with me in this ministry, that would be a tremendous blessing to me. I crave your prayers too, in this early stage, as well as next year when I will be overseas. I would love so much to talk to any of you about it, whether in person or via email.

You are a blessing to me, and I know how often you remember me in your prayers; I cannot thank you enough. I read your updates and prayer requests, and pray for you all as well. I look forward to seeing you all again!

Until the whole world hears,
Rachel Harder

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Also, I have a blog wherein I talk a great deal about what God is teaching me! I would be honoured if you read it. It is: Nottakencaptive.blogspot.com