



I've Got to Learn to Read!

It's official, I'm a full time student and St. Louis-an! Just wanted to send out a quick update to all of you before school gets too crazy.

I am wrapping up my first month of classes and am finally getting settled in. I live on campus in a house with 8 other guys, and somehow the house is still (relatively) clean and we have yet to strangle each other!

My classes require A TON of reading! Each class assigns 4-5 books each semester, and I am taking 5 classes! Not sure how well you know me, but just to fill you in: I have probably read 10 books in my whole life-- including school assignments! I was really nervous it and was actually telling myself, "I've got to learn to read!" I think I am going to be okay though; I have already read 5 books! Thank you Lord! Hahaha! Its helpful that the books that they assign are interesting.

I have been attending a church called New City Fellowship that is really cool! It has tons of international people in the congregation. On any given Sunday the sermon gets translated into Swahili, Burmese, and occasionally other languages too! I have made it my goal to get to know the people from Burma and learn about their culture while helping them with their English.

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St. Louis is incredibly diverse! I went to a mosque that is near the campus here because I had never been to one before, and should the Lord lead me to an area of the world that is predominately Muslim, I figured it couldn't hurt to get familiar. I met a group of Muslim guys my age that run a non-profit through the mosque that serves hot meals to the people of downtown St. Louis on Saturday mornings. I have gone down to serve with them every Saturday since then and they've even asked me to be on the leadership team for a big event where they will be making and serving over 1,000 meals in a couple weeks! It is such a cool thing to be able to serve the poor, build relationships with these Muslim guys, and get to learn about Islam in a non-threatening, loving way!

Please take some time to pray for me:

1. Pray for endurance and a clear mind in my studies
2. Pray for my time with the Burmese and the Muslimguys from
Project Downtown STL
3. Pray for me to remain humble as I grow in my relationship and
knowledge of the Lord
4. Pray for the people that God is preparing me to go to, that their
hearts would be open to the love of Jesus Christ!

John 14:15- If you love me, keep my commands.

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