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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! And it seems to have come all so quickly! I am especially reminded of God's faithfulness during this season not only due to the way He has provided for me recently, but also because of His fulfilled promises of salvation in the birth of Christ. What a delight it has been to share this truth with students here in Western PA, from Erie to IUP! I want you to know how much your influence is having on the lives of these students.

This semester we've seen the movement at IUP grow strong and steady. Freshman have consistently come, eagerly walking closer with the Lord and constantly stepping into leadership roles! In the Spring I'll be building into eight men, though there are still more! Mount Aloysius is seeing student leaders owning the movement and challenging others to take their place. Also, I am taking part in a new ministry for a closed college campus in Erie, as well as the development of a ministry for high school students in the same city.

The most recent ministry we are launching is at IUP in the Spring called Athletes in Action (AIA). I have spoken with the football, basketball and baseball coaches about providing a Bible Study targeted specifically for athletes, to which they all responded enthusiastically! After an equally affirming and encouraging conversation with IUP Football's first string quarterback, Andrew, I am confident that as I am taking steps of faith to share the Gospel with these athletes, God is meeting me there and changing hearts!

However, these ministries are not my only fresh experiences lately. I have also encountered some of my first real medical bills as a college grad. The doctors found a rare strain of bacteria in me whose origins are still unclear. It is easily treated (I am completely fine), but quite expensive. I also am hoping to build funds for a crucial conference for college students down in Washington D.C. that could see as many as 900 students this year! And shortly after this, another conference intended for high school students. The more money I can supplement up front, the less burden these costs will be for the students.

I am trusting God for \$2,000 to cover these medical and conference expenses. Would you prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas gift to help meet these needs? As God already has, I know He will bring all things together to draw people to Himself. Thank you for all you are and have already done. It means a lot. Merry Christmas!

In His Son,

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