

Growth

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Fall has arrived...

And with it, a little cooler weather! It seems to have arrived a little earlier than usual here in central Indiana. I hope this letter finds you enjoying fall's arrival and with it all the festivities it brings, the beautiful change in color on the trees, hayrides, bonfires and all that fun stuff! I have now been back in the states for three months. It has been some journey to this day let me tell you! I have slept in nine different places in that time...you talk about feeling homeless! I want to thank you all who have put me up for a time or two, I am so grateful for you. It has been great to see all of you, and those I haven't well, hopefully sometime soon...

It has by no means been easy since I have been back, as I know some of you know. I have had a hard time adjusting, readjusting, and back again it seems. It has been difficult not to be settled in one place too long. But, the good news is that I am with my father and step-mom in Indianapolis, getting reacquainted and working as a "service clerk" temporarily at Marsh Supermarket to earn enough money for future expenses. You might have already seen the old Volvo Station Wagon I had, well it died. But, I got \$50 for it, 500% more than the one-dollar I paid for it! So, I am buying a car...

Many of you might already know that I have been interviewing up in the Chicago area for a job. Well, much thanks to God for the interview I was able to get through a friend of mine's brother, who happens to be a recruiter for Motorola. Motorola extended me a gracious offer, and I accepted. My start date is the 16th of October.

Healing takes time.

I have been thinking about what God has been teaching me during this transition time. I think it doesn't just go back a few months, but even years. It is clear that Jesus healed people in Scripture. So much of his ministry was focused on that. But, even in physical healings, he had an even greater purpose

for that person. He wants them to be whole persons, emotionally, spiritually, and physically, and for them to understand his love for them. God has always taken care of me. He has provided a home, loving parents, a good church, and the best friends this side of heaven.

Now that I am learning to trust him more for these basic needs, I can look to him for his healing touch on me emotionally. He is still the same, yesterday, and forever. Jesus still heals today, just as he did 2000 years ago. His will is the same. To reconcile us to God, and for people to know him, and his healing touch. I am reminded of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians 1:17, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." My prayer will be that for you also.

In the mean time, I ask for your prayers concerning my adjustment back to the working world at Motorola, that I would be a good witness to the folks there, and my eventual arrival in Chicago land. I specifically covet your prayers for finding the right car, and a good place to live, with good Christian roommate(s), and a good church family.

I love you all dearly and hope to see many of you in the near future. I haven't yet a permanent address or phone yet to give you, but if you want to send mail or call, feel free to call or write me at my dad's place:

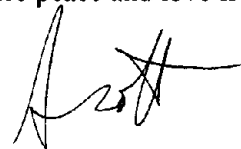
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With sincere peace and love from Jesus-



Alan J Mon - hi there. I want to continue this as a tradition!
Thanks for your love + prayers.
I love you!