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**Subject:** Fall quarter

Hey there! I hope you are all doing well and that your summer was as relaxing and enjoyable as possible. I certainly had a full summer between traveling to Haiti for 6 weeks, moving the week I was back in Montana, and then visiting many of you for 4 weeks while back East. It was really great to be able to see almost all of you and catch up. I'm so blessed to have a group of God's faithful surrounding me with prayer and support. I always feel inadequate at expressing my thanks because words cannot accurately describe true gratitude. God has impressed upon me more (this trip back East than any other time) how vital each of your roles are in advancing the kingdom of God. I may be the person with the "missionary" title, but your investment is just as crucial and the fruit that is born of any labor is just as much your inheritance as it is mine.

I'm now back in Montana and settled into a new dorm room. The Fall quarter starts this coming Monday, the 19th, but international students began arriving this past Wednesday! We will be running 5 different schools this Fall: the Discipleship Training School (DTS), the School of Biblical Studies (which studies the Bible for 9 months), the School of Worship, Titus Project (which trains students to teach the Bible to oral tradition cultures), and a New Testament Greek course. By Monday of next week we will have 140 new students here, it's one of the biggest Fall quarters we've had. At the same time, we just prayed over and sent out our Summer Endurance Discipleship Training School on outreach. They are going to North Carolina for a few weeks and then onto Spain for 5 weeks to share the Gospel with those in the outdoor industry and hikers/backpackers.

These last few weeks I've been planning a Community Transformation "track" for this Fall DTS. Montana runs their Discipleship Training Schools with what they call "focus tracks" (every wednesday afternoon and friday all day), which provide students with time and training to develop skills they are passionate about and can use in missions. As I mentioned, I'm leading the track on Community Transformation, which will help students develop a variety of skills related to a healthy community, such as water purification and basic health care. This will provide them with some tools to take on outreach and also give them a better understanding of how the Truth of the Gospel has something to say about all areas of life.

I will also be working to move our base forward with our connection to La Gonave, in Haiti. My hope is to see some teams from YWAM Montana go down there maybe as soon as this Winter. The rest of my time will be spent working alongside a leadership coaching group on this base researching grants and writing grants for them. I don't have a great deal of experience in this area so please pray for wisdom for me as i approach each grant application and learn how to write them.

Since you all uphold me in prayer constantly, I want to let you know that I feel like I have been under attack from the enemy much more than normal these past few months. The constant pressure on me has worn down my energy and ability to push through obstacles as I work to do God's will. So, please pray for God to place a hedge of protection around me and fight off the enemy on my behalf. Also, please be praying for God's wisdom and guidance as I move forward with the vision He's laid on my heart for La Gonave, Haiti. I only want to move at His pace and according to His will.

Thank you for standing behind me with support and prayer; I have no doubt that there wouldn't be any fruit from my labors if I didn't have people praying.

For His Glory,  
Veronica

P.s. Please feel free to email or call me anytime if you have questions or would like to talk!