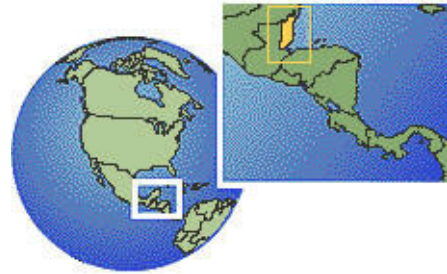


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Hi New Life!

Things are going really great so far! I have been learning so much already about God and about the world and myself! It takes a lot out of you and everyday you just need to process more and more information...but somehow I am making it through!



My first week here was orientation week, where we got to know everyone, did some team building, setting up rooms, learning how things work around the base... The second week we jumped right into our lectures which were taught by our base director, Chris Toney. We learned about worldview: different cultures, religions and filters that each person has. Filters that differ because everyone has a different upbringing through school, family, education, religion so on and so forth. We also learned about things that we know and things we think we know and things we know and think!

This week we started another set of lectures which are being taught by the staff! We have learned about passion, characteristics of God, prayer, heaven, the fear of the Lord and the fear of man. Apart from our lectures we have lots of other things to do! We each get the pleasure of leading a devotion and worship twice during the lecture phase, so this Wednesday was my turn and I spoke on God's holiness and how we do not always give God enough credit compared to how amazing He is! We can easily throw words around like holy and eternal but do we actually really know what they mean and mean them? We also are memorizing a new bible verse each week and studying a meditation passage.

We all are studying as well and taking our tests in order to become certified for scuba diving. There are four book reports due as well during these 12 weeks as well as a test on geography where we have to know where 100 countries are on the map, as well as 50 capitals.

So as you can see, there is a lot of academic work and there is even more that I have not mentioned. So that is one thing that I could definitely use prayer for because there is lots of school work as well as small group time, one on ones, getting to know the team, cooking teams, work duties, adventure aspects like sailing and scuba diving, leadership meetings, community church meetings, ministry in town...really the list goes on and on.



Another prayer request is that we have just found out where we are going for outreach! And I am headed off the Guatemala! Thanks so much for you time and you will hear from me soon!

A praise item would be for sure already all the support and generosity that everyone has shown me so far! I feel extremely blessed and I know that without their help I would not have been able to go on this life changing adventure, so thank you everyone!

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