

Dear Friends,

It seems pretty hard to believe that this is my last "Look Ahead" email of 2011! The end of this semester has quickly hit us and 2012 is just around the corner! I hope and pray that it was as great of a semester for you as it was for me. I'm praying for you as you study hard for finals. You're almost done!

For those of you who are graduating this semester, congratulations on your great achievement! You will be missed but I believe great things are ahead as you go from here, confident in what God has for you!!

# Story of the week

The story at the bottom of this email will "Rock your World". A powerful story of God's faithfulness!! Please read it and be encouraged.

### **Next Semester in Chapel**

We've had a great semester in Chapel but I am even more excited for what's ahead! I believe it is going to be another great semester growing together as a campus and extending our reach to engage in the community around us!

## Life Groups

If you are interested in leading a Life Group next semester, please fill out the attached "NU Life Group Leader Application." Applications are due January 13<sup>th</sup> and can either be emailed to <a href="mailto:lifegroups@Northwestu.edu">lifegroups@Northwestu.edu</a> or turned in to the Campus Ministries office in the Pecota Center.

#### Choralons Concert | Monday Night at 7PM

Choralons will be performing their entire set for the very first time Monday night at 7pm in the Chapel! With almost 110 students in the choir worshipping together and sharing the message of truth, hope and faithfulness, this free, hour-long concert is not something you want to miss. I hope to see you there!

Offering

We are so close to our goal of \$6500. Our total today is \$6,251. If you would like to give toward our efforts to fight human trafficking please feel free to bring your gift to the Campus Ministry office located in the Pecota Center.

## Prayer

This may be the last prayer list that I will be sending out this semester but it is definitely not the last of our prayers. Let's continue to pray and believe that every ones of these needs will be met.

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What a beautiful story in this weeks "look ahead", and so eloquently written!

I have a story to share with you also, it's more on the practical side, but here goes:
On Monday evening at Pursuit, Christian felt that the Lord wanted to

touch someone with back pain, as soon as the words were spoken I felt the Holy Spirit quicken me to respond - I knew this word was for me, so I went up for prayer.

Just the day before my back was in such pain I could hardly get out of bed. I laid on the floor to do some stretching and then realized I couldn't get up - my muscles were all locked up. I had to have my husband help me upright.

On Monday evening, as Jared (I think that is what he said his name is) was praying for me, I felt a warm and slightly tingling sensation running down my spine. The feeling continued as I went back to my seat and for some time after.

I am a nursing student, so I am on my feet for long hours. I have been experiencing back pain and foot pain in my joints, pain that my doctor worried might be the beginning stages of arthritis. Not a good thing for my future calling.

However, I know the Lord has called me to this vocation and I simply trust Him to handle the details as he as so sufficiently done to this point.

After Monday night, I have been mostly pain free. I still have some normal muscle stiffness from standing or sitting in one position for hours (normal stuff), but no joint pain! Last night I had the opportunity to observe a surgery. I stood in one position for over an hour (so that I could observe, but not be in anyone's way). It was an incredible experience and I gained insights that will be invaluable as I care for patients and their families. But standing up on a stool in one position for that long, I fully expected to be in physical pain this morning. However, this morning I awoke and realized I had no back pain and no foot pain - Amazing!! I have been so blessed by a God who really cares about the whole person. He has shown me how he cares for the practical things as well as the spiritual things.

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