

## 21Z02 Oct. Student Update

Hello my friends. I hope your semester is going well so far. I know COVID just seems like it will never go away. But God promises “this too will pass” I don’t know how or when, but somehow, someday life is going to move on from here. This has just been a very challenging season of our lives. I’m praying to each of you. My prayer is God will give you peace no matter what you are facing and assurance that He (God) is in charge. We can trust God and God’s plan.

I just want to let each of you know how very very proud I am of each of you.

First order of business, again please read the SY2021-22 Requirements submission guidelines. Joy has developed this document to help you understand what, how and when to submit your requirements and documents to qualify for stipends.

Word of warning. If your requirements are not submitted before the deadlines, then you will not qualify for that portion of your stipend. If you miss a deadline, still submit your requirements before next deadline so we will keep your file active. Failure to submit requirements can result in suspension from our program or loss of one of the monthly stipends.

If you want to communicate with either Judy or myself via Facebook or messenger you can, but these are not official communications.

I want to talk to you about attending church. This requirement is still in place even though COVID lockdowns are making this very difficult. But our expectations are that you will be in church every chance possible and if attending in person is not possible you should watch online. Spending time with the Godly men and women of the church is very important to us, as you build relationships and learn more about our God.

Also, you are required to subscribe to this channel and turn on notifications, so you know when we post new messages. I will be using this to send you messages instead of emails this year, so it is up to you to check for messages. I will post at least one message every month, usually on the last Friday of each month (Houston time) as an update. Also, I will be posting a weekly bible study specifically for you on Wednesday Houston time or Thursday morning in the Philippines. Please watch these, they are specifically for you. For those of you with bad internet, I will post a MP3 and PDF of each message as an alternative. When you get the YOUTUBE notification, then you can access the alternative message formats on our website. [www.punla.org](http://www.punla.org) under the media ministry tab. Please get familiar with these services..

The reason I want you to watch these videos, is so you can build a relationship with me face-to-virtual face. I get the pleasure of communicating with you via email and messenger and I can see your faces because you have sent us pictures and stories about yourselves. These videos are a way for you to know me better, as well as Judy and Joy and our kids. The more you watch us, the closer our relationship will grow.

You will feel like you know me better because you will. This will help you to write me and discuss things that you are experiencing.

We truly care about each of you. We want to build relationships with you as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Have a great semester.

Remember I'm very proud of each of you. Your stories are very inspiring.

I'll be praying for you and there are lots of pastors and friends of PUNLA praying for you. I know it is almost all Saints Day in Philippines. I hope all of you have a chance to be with family and remember loved ones. Be careful out there.

I thought of a Psalm, Psalm 121 (NKJV)

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills—  
From whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not allow your foot to be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
He shall preserve your soul.  
The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and even forevermore.*

This Psalm was made into a song by a group called casting crowns. I'll include a link on our website. <https://youtu.be/0YUGwUgBvTU>

God loves you. Don't forget that. You don't have to care what other people say or do to you. You only need to satisfy one, your Lord and Savior Jesus.

**Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You for these amazing students. I love them dearly. I'm so proud of them. I pray you give them peace and assurance in everything they face.**

**I pray each of them thank You for everything. I pray that they call on you with all their heart, I know you hear them.**

**I pray that You guide them in the paths You want them to take. I know you have a specific plan for each of them. I am eager to see You work in their lives and my life. I am prepared to be amazed, Lord Jesus.**

**I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen**

Again, Students I'm so glad we have this time together. I am excited for all the possibilities this new school year brings. No matter what we face this year, I know our God is Bigger and Stronger than anything on this earth. So we don't have to fear anything in this world. I Love you all. God's Blessings for you.

Until next time. God bless.