

22Z12 December Student Update –

Hello my friends. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas. And consider this a early Happy New Year.

First, order of business. Let's pray. **Father God, Thank You God for this time today. Thank you for each student, teacher, father, mother, brother and sister. Guide my words today so your message is heard. Thank you for being Emmanuel, God with us. Thank you for the sacrifice you made for us. You know what we need Lord, we trust You Lord Jesus. And I pray all these things in your Name Lord Jesus, Amen.**

I pray that you are all having a good break from school. 2023, can you believe in a few short days it will be 2023.

First of all, I want to apologize to each of you. This fall I tried to have others handle the email communications, I am very sorry if some of your emails went unanswered. I will not let that happen again. I am truly sorry. I will be checking email at least once time each week. If you don't hear from me, please try me on facebook messenger. Every message is important to me and I'll do my best to respond if you have questions. But, please understand there are times my work or travel makes is difficult for me to respond quickly. But I will do my best.

Make sure you keep your requirements up to date on the Google Drive and double check all of your requirements have been received. It is your responsibility to make sure our system sees your requirements. If there is a problem, please contact Joy.

If you have a question about church attendance or submission of requirements, please talk with your sponsor pastor first. Only your pastor can approve church absences. If your pastor can not help contact me.

Last, don't forget to sign up for our YouTube channel is [Punla Christian Ministries - YouTube](#). Signup on our YouTube channel to follow our channel and select the notification bell so you will be notified when new content is posted. Then watch the videos as they are posted.

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Enough of business.

I want to read a scripture from Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) ***Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*** I sure everyone has heard this quoted sometime through the Christmas season. Immanuel or God with us. Jesus. But there is another scripture in

Isaiah which speaks of Immanuel, God with us. Isaiah 8:8, I like the NLT version *and sweep into Judah until it is chin deep. It will spread its wings, submerging your land from one end to the other, O Immanuel.* I was struck by this verse and I wanted to share it with you. God with us. It is not just at Christmas time. Jesus is with us every hour of every day all year long. Immanuel is a force no one and nothing can stand against. The message of Jesus is just like this force that Isaiah describes sweeping across the land, chin deep. Just like the wings of a great bird stretching out above us. God with us, means God everywhere, in everything. No matter if you believe or not. God is still in control. It's God's kingdom. He's king. I'm very thankful for the patience of my Lord. I know I need it.

Let's Pray. Father God, Thank You God for everything. Thank you for not being a distant uncaring God but instead God with us. Helping us. Caring for us. Thank you Lord

I pray for each student, that they trust you, Lord. I pray each of us trust you to provide our needs each day, I pray you help us to forgive others and recognize you have forgiven us. I pray we each understand we did not deserve it but you loved us anyway. Help us to love the people you put in our lives the way you want us to love them. Help us Lord to resist the temptations and evil around us and instead be a light that points to you Jesus.

I pray this in your name, Lord Jesus Amen

Let me leave you with this. God is good. God is in control of everything. I don't always understand why or how but I trust Jesus. Because He knows better than I do. God plans are always bigger and better than mine.

I am so glad we have this time together. Don't fear anything in this world. Our father God, Jesus is the king of this world and as such we should fear nothing. I Love you and I am proud of you. God's Blessings. Happy New Year

Until next time. I pray for Joy, Hope, Peace and Assurance from God for each of you. God bless.

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