

## 23Z01 January Student Update – My Hope comes from the Lord

Hello my friends. I hope everyone is back into the grind of school and doing well.

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 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 hope I am doing better with the emails so far this year. I've worked back through most of the old emails, I hope. Several of you have reached out to me on messenger. I will return your messages but remember I'm 13 hours behind you in time. I am trying to review and respond every couple of days.

Requirements. Proof of enrollment for this semester must be uploaded to the Google drive before February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have problems, make sure you email Joy and tell her why you are going to be late with the submission. We will not release stipends in Feb, until we have proof of enrollment. This can be an assessment or other proof of enrollment. Remember your name must be shown clearly. Also, if you take a photo, make sure you can read it. If you can't read it, neither can I. If I can't read it, we will act as if it was not submitted. It must be legible please.

Grades for last semester are going to be due in March.

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. Also, you need to make sure your pastor remembers to submit church attendance. Ask them and make sure it gets done. We cannot approve stipends unless we get this feedback from your pastors. Some of you experienced delays last semester because the pastor forgot to submit. We will not chase these, if you don't get a stipend, ask your pastor why.

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.

If you are having trouble viewing the videos because of poor internet connections, you also can download MP3 podcasts or PDF versions of every message on our website [PUNLA Coffee Table – Jesus! Bible! Life! Let's talk about it!](http://www.punlacoffeetable.org) (www.punlacoffeetable.org)

Enough of business.

I want to read a scripture from Psalm 121 (NIV) ***I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of***

*heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over God’s People (Israel) will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

Now I changed the word Israel to God’s People. That’s actually what the word Israel means. We are God’s people, so we can embrace these truths for ourselves. We can trust God. God watches over us day and night, he never sleeps. Where does our hope come from. From the maker of heaven and earth. A Christian rock group named casting crown has a song called “praise you in the storm” I will put a link on our website. If you have a chance listen to it. They capture this idea, that when we face troubles and we all face troubles, our hope is in the Lord the maker of heaven and earth. Let it sink in for a while. The creator of everything you see and everything you wish to see and everything you can imagine is God. God our father. We are children of that God, because he says we are. I love my God with all my heart, with all my strength and with all I have.

**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. I have said it before, but God is good. God is in control of everything. I do not always understand the how’s and whys, but I trust Jesus. Because He knows better than I do. When I am in need, I know where my help comes from, it comes from the Lord, maker of everything.

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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