

23Z02 February Student Update –

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 am trying to review and respond every couple of days.

Requirements. First semester grades need to be submitted by March 1st. 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 until all your requirements are submitted. If you miss the deadline or your stipend will be delayed until at least the next cycle which could be April. 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.

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.

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Enough of business.

I want to read a scripture from Isaiah 55:6-9 (NLT) ***⁶Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. ⁸“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could***

imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Seek the Lord and you will find him. If you want to know God, God will make himself known to you. This promise changed my life. I am so thankful to God for allowing me to have a relationship with him. My life is better in every way because I conscientiously try to follow Jesus wherever Jesus asks me to go and do. But we need to remember something important, God is not like us. I love how Isaiah said this, Says the Lord. My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts. God's ways are far beyond our ability to understand. So don't be surprised when we don't always understand what God is doing. It's okay, no one can understand all of what God is doing. But what we can do is trust God.

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 many times 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. So don't get frustrated or impatient, but we all do I know I do. Trust God knows and is working to give us the satisfying life if we will only trust in him

I am so glad we have this time together. Don't fear anything in this world. 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.

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

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