



Whirlwind Missions

Ashley's Dispatch

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I have some exciting news! This year I started my fourth and final year at Georgia Perimeter College! In May 2012 I'll be graduating with a Journalism degree. Over the years my courses in interviewing, photography, writing and film have been very useful in my daily mission work.

This semester I have Human Communication with Mrs. Daniel. She is a sweet African-American woman with a southern drawl who was born and raised in South Florida. So far we've discussed body language and cues to look for. For example, if I'm looking for a person to talk to about a story, I'd look for a person with open arms. Then I'd genuinely compliment them, introduce myself and then ask them a question to get them talking. Try it with a stranger and see how easy it is!

My second class is American Literature. Dr. Cox is a petite woman with glasses too big for her face. You immediately notice she has a love for literature when she whispers the names, "Emerson, Dickinson and Thoreau..."romantically. We've begun with readings from the Native American cultures. I find it inspiring that many of their creation stories begin with a great flood and include a powerful force that lifts the mud out of the water and create land. Sound familiar?

I was really looking forward to Mrs. Westfall's class because she was one of my first college teachers back when I took Public Speaking (my favorite class). This year I'm taking Features Writing with her. She's already peaked my interest with projects including building an online portfolio, writing travel pieces, recording voiceovers and a secret field trip she hasn't disclosed yet.

Last but not least is Statistics with Mrs. Box. She's a fifty something, modern woman who must own a closet full of pencil skirts. I like the way she teaches with her hands. She's always gesturing about this sample group with one hand and the relative frequency probability with the other.

I feel confident about this semester's line up and encouraged that I'm gaining skills that I'll be able to apply in the mission field. I've loved all my years being a student but I can't wait to be doing what I love full time! Thank you for all of your support to me and my family! Please pray that I'll be able to keep all my responsibilities balanced.

Love,
Ashley

