



The Momentous Anchor

Moving ahead while rooted in the Lord!

All about a Texas girl placed in West Virginia to do work for the Lord! Hebrews 6:19



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Hi y'all! Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers! We are so blessed to be working here with the students at WVU and working for the Lord! He is truly blessing every aspect of this mission and allowing me to see things through a different lens.

Life at Newman

There are so many wonderful things happening here at the WVU Newman center! We have been having Men's/Women's nights every other week and every time we have it, I'm just blown away by how open the women are to sharing their lives with one another! It's amazing how the Lord just presents random situations for us to be His tool in. Even when I'm just hanging out with various people, the Lord still gives me situations to be a witness to those around me and shed light into areas of their lives they've never thought to look! Each Fall semester, the Newman center puts on a retreat, the SPO missionaries attended this retreat as well as gave a talk. The retreat was filled with amazing, holy people and it really opened my eyes to see a broader picture. Ryan and I gave a talk on overcoming the world since most college students are faced with this. The retreat was such an awesome experience to be with such amazing sisters and priests!



Students at Dinner for \$1

own walk with Him. The work that the Lord is doing here is definitely changing lives, there's no doubt about that!

Planned Parenthood Project



The Newman center teamed up with the Students for Life organization to get the Planned Parenthood Project to come to the WVU campus. This is an initiative that goes around to different campuses to spread the news about what Planned Parenthood is trying to do, pretty much their "sales tactics" for abortions. We had huge posters up and set up 915 pink crosses to represent the babies that would have been aborted that day. The conversations I had with various people were on all sides of the spectrum. We had lots of people approach us who thought we were for Planned Parenthood and quickly realized we were not. The thing that mattered most to me that day was that I was educating people. I had one girl tell me, "I'm for Planned Parenthood and usually I don't respect people who are against it. But since you're out here being genuine and approaching it in a loving way, I support you." That small comment just made me realize why I continue to reach out to people and meet them where they're at. As it says in *1Peter 4:8*, "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."

Changing Seasons!



I am so taken away by the beauty of the changing seasons! I know it's pretty cliché, but it's so true! One week I was at the lake house looking at the beautiful leaves (above picture) and the next week I woke up to a Winter Wonderland! I'm so blown away by the vast change in scenery and how fast it happens! Coming from Texas, most of you will know that I've never experienced this! As the seasons are changing, it's made me reflect a lot on how we go through seasons in our prayer lives as well and how the Lord guides us through these seasons of our lives.



If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20) The Lord has been speaking this verse to me for a few weeks now, the most important part of this mission is planting seeds in the hearts of these students that I come in contact with.

Fall Break!

In the middle of October, WVU had a Fall Break for the first time this year. Since the school wasn't in session, the Mission Leaders got the few days off as well. I was beyond blessed to be presented with the opportunity to adventure the east coast, mainly New York!

One of my good friends here at the Newman center, Julian, invited me to go with him to New York City to visit his father and have a few days to explore the city! It was such an amazing opportunity since I wanted to go to New York or Washington, DC but it would have been too expensive without knowing someone there. While in New York, I got to do all of the touristy type things as well as stop in DC on the way home! I got to do the two main things I wanted to! But aside from all of that, I was able to see and stay in the Queens Borough area, the neighborhood Julian grew up in when he and his family moved to the US. Being here brought about a lot of reflection on my own life and the life of



I was able to meet up with another SPO missionary and a friend in Times Square!

many people we're surrounded by and how much consumption exists all around us! Everyone in this community puts forth so much work for all that they need and truly appreciate all they have. I think this struck me because I knew that Julian grew up this way and it just gave me a sense of love and appreciation for everyone there. It also brought about a sense of compassion for all the homeless and poverty stricken people I've encountered. This trip also made me reflect about poverty in a spiritual sense and how many people around me are starving for the Lord and His life giving promise. The Lord truly blessed this trip in every way that He could and I'm so thankful for it!

Patricia Thompson, a Freshman here at WVU, shares how SPO has affected her life thus far. "After meeting everyone at Newman and Courtnei with SPO, I was made more aware that I have a relationship with the Lord that needs to be worked on and fostered everyday."

Personal Corner

I attended my first West Virginia University football game on November 9. They played the University of Texas, so I was super pumped to attend and was even more excited when UT won! This is a picture of my roommates and I at the game, I had to wear WVU gear since I was sitting in the student section and didn't want to stick out wearing UT gear.



I ask for prayers for the mission here! For us SPO mission leaders, as well as the students here, that we would be able to remove from ourselves and continually give all that we have to the Lord! He has definitely blessed my time here in every aspect possible and I'm truly grateful for it. This mission wouldn't be possible without the help from all of you being on my support team, so I thank you so much! I also ask for your prayers that I would continue to trust in the Lord to provide all that I need. I love you and thank you all so much!