



August 23, 2008

Greetings from the lovely state of Colorado!

Yes! That's right! I am here in Fort Collins, Colorado! I moved from Starkville, Mississippi on August 11th. After a bit of ups and downs I have a house and a very sweet roommate! However, I won't be moving in until September, 1st, which has its pros and cons—since I am homeless, I have gotten to stay with several different people and gotten to know them the better for it! However, I certainly am looking forward to the stability of a home AND decorating a home!

My roommate is a girl named Lindsey Jackson from Oregon. She has been a huge blessing already. She is a Christian, a painter, a gardener, and a kindergarten aide. I am so glad God is letting her be my buddy. I already have friends who are here for graduate school and that is very exciting! Since I am here to minister to the students, it's comforting to know that I have already found peers in these graduate students for friendship and fellowship.

While you can join me in thanking God for a home and friends, I definitely need prayer for my health. I am sick. I have bronchitis. I get it often. It makes me feel defeated and weak. The coughing is really old. My health is a constant prayer request. I feel silly saying that as a 22 year old. But I have always been a bit sickly and I am a little afraid of the snow and ice and being inside with lots of people and germs.

Even though I'm not permanently settled in our house, I have already started my work as an intern! I am meeting students and that is very fun! Today was freshmen move-in day and Ryan, the campus minister, and an RUF fellow and I helped out. Please pray as the semester is winding up, it is a little intimidating, but also fun to feel like I am beginning to actually do work besides just asking for money and moving.

Speaking of asking for money...Thank y'all so much for the support! The fact that I am here means that through your help I raised \$23,000. That means I only have around \$8,000 more to reach the final goal. It would be great if I could raise this by the end of this year! Please keep this in your prayers! While fundraising has been challenging, it has been very fun and encouraging to hear from y'all and catch up a bit.

My new address, as of September 1st, is 511 S. Grant Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521. My phone number is the same: 662-312-6390 and my email is cchapman@ruf.org. Call! Write! Come visit! I love y'all!

Grace and Peace,

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