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Today I'm writing to you from my favorite coffee shop here in the College Park area of Orlando, looking out upon cloudy skies—I'm trying to pretend that it's actually cold out there. ☺ It is hard to believe that tomorrow is Thanksgiving and as I reflect today, I have much to be thankful for this season...

On Friday, I moved in with a good friend of mine here in Orlando, thus ending my two and a half months of moving around from place to place. Some great friends helped me get everything settled and I'm slowly realizing that I'm 'home' again. I'm so grateful!!

God has provided places for me to stay throughout this time of waiting—what generous friends I have and how thankful I am for each of them. I found that the Lord moved in sweet ways in my life and the lives of my hosts as we spent time together while I lived with different people. What a blessing!

On November 3, my paternal Grandmother celebrated 92 years! I was home for a couple of days to visit with the Missions Team at my home sending church and was able to be part of the celebration for her during that time.

On November 6, my maternal Grandfather went to be with the Lord. While I wasn't able to travel to California for his funeral, I am grateful for God's provision for my family in the midst of this loss and thankful for the life he lived. He was a very brave man. I'm thankful to have known him and for the influence he had on my life.

The research we conducted this summer has been well-received and God is employing what we learned within the whole of the Campus Ministry—it has been really exciting to see the significance of what the Lord brought to the surface and how He's employing it months later!

I was recently asked to run a new research process and will travel to Austin, TX on November 30-December 2 to conduct some new field interviews to better understand how we collect, process, and store data. Understanding this is of key importance for CCC to continue the work that God has called us to in a way that honors and protects people involved with us and ensures our compliance with US laws and regulations. I love that I get to work on projects like this one that have far-reaching impact within our organization and ensure that we can continue to tell people about Jesus without hindrance.

On Sunday, I had the privilege to walk a college student through the process of baptism at our church gathering. I loved hearing her story, the 'why' behind God leading her to be baptized, and watching her make this public proclamation. Afterward, she and three of her sorority sisters who had come to support her, circled up, grabbed hands and prayed. We spent a few minutes asking the Lord to meet her in the next steps in her walk with Jesus. As I sat there holding the hands of these young women, I was reminded of the importance of community and loved how her friends were well-aware of her story and committed to living life with her. What a privilege!!

And, I'm so very thankful for the way **you** come alongside me in this journey. I love that God moves through us to reach people for Jesus. I love that you care deeply for the people in the world. I'm so blessed by your example and commitment to Christ.

So thankful that we're in this together,

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