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MLC Alumni Association
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Dear Members of the MLC Alumni Association,



I want to formally thank you for the MLCAA Endowed Scholarship. I will use that money to better focus on pouring energy into becoming a minister of the gospel, rather than spending time working and making money. Your scholarship relieves my stress. Truly, this blessing God has given you has trickled down to me, and I can say here and now that I want to double my efforts to finish my schooling side of the work with a bang!

Regarding where your money went, let me tell you about myself. My name is Jake Klein. I am a public school graduate from Belmont, Wisconsin, and I initially came to school at Martin Luther College to be a pastor. Eventually, it occurred to me that I am super passionate about children's ministry and being able to show those kids God's love. Upon realizing that, I dropped out of MLC and went to UW-Platteville. I was going to become an EMT and slowly work toward a teaching degree. That was round 1. Unfortunately, I chose something I wasn't passionate about, and being an EMT quickly drained me. Then I recalled how fun chapel was at MLC, how nice it was to go to church with other people my age, how intelligent and professional the professors were, and I came back to MLC to become a teacher. I am on round 2, and it has been a bumpy ride. At first, I was far more concerned with money and paying for school than I needed to be. With appropriate law and gospel correction from these excellent professors and help from scholarships like yours, I am now on the tail end of my training. I am a senior in the social studies education program, and am anxious and excited to get my call to wherever God wants me to love on kids.

I am also passionate about praise ministry. I play guitar for a few different groups on campus. I also enjoy attending multiple Bible studies. It's just a taste of the ministry, and I can't wait to have a full serving when I have my call.

I want to thank you again for supporting my education so I can continue to do these things and serve God. The blessings pour out and our cup overflows.

ἐν Χριστός (In Christ)

Jake Klein