

Dear Friends,

Since a few months and a few holidays have passed since my last update, I guess it's time for another. It has been quite a busy few months for me, filled with changes and excitement. So here's everything in a nutshell.

As soon as I returned from a much needed visit home, I went to work on the No2Torture Conference in Miami on January 6th. This was an inspiring experience that I am so thankful I could be a part of. To refresh your memory, this was an event organized by a PC(USA) committee to take a stand against America's participation in torture of all kinds, but focused on Guantanamo Bay. I had the opportunity to meet and work with amazing people such as the PC(USA) moderator, the head of the Presbyterian Council of Military Chaplains, and several people from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. It was such a wonderful example of how Christians of different political beliefs can come together to stand against something so awful as torture. I think most can agree that it is something Jesus wouldn't have thought twice about. It was a weekend filled with revelation and inspiration, and a wonderful way to start 2006.

Things have changed a bit with my job placement since my last letter. I am now working part time at the Center for Haitian Studies, and part time as the director of the music school where I was teaching. I coordinate the lessons and classes, and help out with worship and the two worship bands that are a part of the school. I am learning a lot and I'm so glad God has given me a place to use my love of music.

And I have an exciting announcement. Throughout this year, I have wrestled with discerning God's call in my life. I have prayed a lot (and often argued) with God about what exactly he wants me to do. Through my experience here, the people in my life, and the Spirit moving in my heart, I am confident now that I need to answer His call to ministry. I'm not sure exactly what that will mean in the long run, but for now I have been accepted into Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and I hope to begin studying there in the fall. It is truly exciting, but often intimidating to let God decide what comes next. So I would appreciate your prayers as I (or He) work out all the details.

I hope things are great in North Carolina! Miami is absolutely gorgeous this time of year, but I wouldn't mind seeing a snowflake or two. I will write again, sooner than later this time!

Peace,

Megan