



The Seventh of Thirteen

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2018 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients

LWML and CNH,

Thank you so much for your generous gift and for helping me to attend the University of Missouri Columbia! I would not be here if it weren't for God and His Grace, and your support!

I'm originally from St. Louis, but moved when I was six to Wake Forest, North Carolina. My mom served as a DCE for 10 years there, and I finished my junior year having studied Chinese, science, pre-calculus, and all that good stuff! When I was 17, my mom accepted the call to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for Ethiopia, under the East Africa Field Office, and we moved to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I picked up some Amharic, (the national language of Ethiopia), and studied French at my international school for my senior year. My mom was then transferred to Nairobi, Kenya, and now serves as the Volunteer Coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa! I was blessed to take a gap year and work with the East Africa Field Office as a Communications Intern. It is hard to describe the love I found in children's songs, mother's stories, a teacher's kind word, and East African church services over the year as I travelled to Ethiopia, Uganda, throughout Kenya and studied Kiswahili in Tanzania. My heart still belongs to Kenya, where my family continues to live.

I am currently a freshman at Mizzou- go Tigers! - and feel incredibly blessed to have been accepted as a direct admit to the Journalism school and to the Honors College. In five years, I hope to be working as a journalist, returning to Africa often to write about the work all our LCMS missionaries are doing, as well as collecting stories from the people whose lives are being changed through the Gospel and Holy Spirit. I'd love to work for a publication that uplifts people, and connects people in America to those in developing countries. I hope to be using my Chinese, French, Swahili and limited Amharic to reach all kinds of people and show Jesus' love through my actions.

Thank you so, so much for your gift! I am honored to be a Steinbeck Scholar, and represent here at Mizzou.

All the best,
Sydney