

2023 Rubin Perpetual Memorial Scholarship Recipient's Thank You Stories Josiah Junkin — The First of Four Future Church Workers

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Dear saints of the CNH LWML,

I thank and praise God for you and all the work you do in his name each day. This work has benefitted me and my family in particular through a \$3000 grant you graciously sent me, which includes an extra \$1000 from your Rubin Scholarship Fund. How pleasant it is to receive such good and godly gifts! These funds cover a large portion of my financial burden as a student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. In fact, your gifts combined with others from all the churches make that burden practically nonexistent, for which I am grateful.

I am now finishing my third year of seminary, after which I will go on vicarage, and return for a final year of classes to finish my Master of Divinity. That makes five years instead of the usual four--I've taken classes at a slightly slower pace, the better to absorb material and live with somewhat less anxiety. Once I finish, I expect to receive a missionary call to Latin America, where I will, Lord willing, serve for a few years, learn the language and culture, and return to the U.S. to serve our Latino neighbors.

Your gifts are also a boon to my family—to my wife, Fiona, and our first child, who is due soon: April 14. Fiona has been blessed to teach at a Lutheran elementary school (St. Paul's), but soon, she will take her leave. She hopes to stay home as long as we have young children and homeschool them. We can manage that, despite the decrease in income, thanks in part to your generosity.

I think I'd better cut myself off there, before I get too wordy. I am happy to converse more, though, so feel free to contact me!

Ever yours in Christ,

Josiah Junkin

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Me enjoying some coconut water in the Dominican Republic end of February