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Hello Wes,

I've completed my first month of studies and I'd like to give you an update to share with the Thomasville club at an upcoming meeting:

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-The cultural scholarship is providing me with an incredible set of skills... My studies are going well. The Academia (the private college) assigned by Rotary is actually excellent. The instructors are very knowledgeable. I have advanced one level and I enjoy the challenge that the courses provide. We study a little bit of South American culture, history, music, and geography. Our main studies are Spanish language: speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar. The daily workload of classwork and homework are rigorous. I have visited a few nearby towns which are lovely including Mindo, Nono, and Otavalo. Two days a week, I have been teaching preschool at a local orphanage/family rehabilitation center called Remar. It has been a very enlightening experience and I hope to somehow assist their small preschool with supplies. I have been struggling with my health since I arrived. Off and on, I have had tummy troubles. On Tuesday I spent twelve hours in the hospital with a serious intestinal infection. Thankfully, I am responding well to treatment. I regret that I have missed the recent snowfall, as winter is my favorite season. Here in Quito, it is unusually hot and dry. We have had several days of electricity rationing because the lake levels are so low. The rains are late, and everyone here is blaming global warming. Well, I trust you all are doing well, and I look forward to sharing more details with the club upon my return.

Donna