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From Thesis to Haiti

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A Note from Peter Horning

Dr. Ayres,

This is Peter Horning. I was a part of your honors thesis class in the fall of 2014. I wrote my thesis about the development of prosthetics in third-world countries and I just wanted to let you know something pretty cool about what I've been up to.

I chose to write about that topic just because it seemed like it had a lot of interesting components and would be fun to research. Since I graduated in May, I have been searching for opportunities to continue pursuing a career in prosthetics and I am now in the midst of a 4-month internship working at a prosthetics clinic in Haiti! It is really crazy to me that just about a year after I turned in my thesis, I am a part of something exactly like what I researched. I am working at the clinic, seeing patients, and learning a lot. It will be very interesting to see how my experience compares to what I wrote in my thesis. I have already been able to identify a lot of similarities and some differences.

So I just thought you would like to know that and maybe you could encourage your students with it. I'm very glad that I chose a topic that was interesting and somewhat applicable to my life at the time. And I certainly never imagined it would become something I could so closely identify with but you really never know what the Lord has in store.

I hope your semester is off to a good start!

Thank you,

Peter Horning

