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Dear Mr. Sachs,

I would like to express my gratitude for your support of Central Bible College. I am currently a freshman studying theology with a minor in music. Thank you for providing the Rev. William Sachs Memorial Scholarship, which I have been awarded. It is a wonderful and much-needed blessing.

If I understand correctly, you grew up as a pastor's son. I, too, am a "PK." I was saved at a young age and knew God had a calling upon my life. From the age of 6 until now (soon-to-be 20 yrs old), God has taken me on an amazing spiritual journey. Following high school graduation, I intended to be enrolled at CBC for the '07-'08 school year, but God had different plans. I didn't know why at the time, but I felt God calling me to stay home in Pennsylvania. I stayed home and worked two separate jobs for the first couple months of the school year. During that time, I had a wonderful opportunity to take part in forming a committee that led the churches of the community in one week of 24-7 prayer. I felt that that event was one of the reasons God had kept me home.

Soon after, in January, my church hired to work as the youth leader. Without a doubt, God ordained the whole situation. For the next several months through the spring and summer, I worked at the church, teaching weekly and preparing youth services. It was a wonderful time of growth. In August, once again, I felt God pulling my heart to CBC. Now in my second semester, I know God is using CBC to train me and to form me into the person and the leader that He wants me to be.

I am excited to be studying theology and I look forward to what I have to learn. I do not know exactly what God has planned for my future, but I'm sure my time at CBC will play a large part in preparing and equipping me for whatever it may be. Thank you for being a part of my Biblical education.

Sincerely,

Josiah Smith