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Philippians 1:3-11 "3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Hopefully none of us considered ourselves "finished products" as we graduated or moved on from our time at NBC. To be certain, we all experienced various levels of growth here — but our time at NBC should merely have been a springboard for life-long growth as we continue to pursue and walk with God. Because of His grace, He continues to work in us as we abide in Him. And according to His Word, we SHOULD experience continued growth and maturity by keeping Him as the foundational desire and focus of our heart. Here at NBC we faithfully pray for you as an Alumnus, by name as you share your requests, or generally as we desire God to continue a good work in each of you.

Let's be purposeful to encourage and challenge each other with what God is doing. Please share a bit of God's unfolding story in your life by taking a 30sec - 3min video with your webcam or cellphone or some other means. Then upload it to the Alumni Facebook page to share with the over 500 alumni who are part of the group. If you're not on Facebook (that's ok!) submit your picture and written story to the website at <a href="mailto:nipawin.org/alumni-updates">nipawin.org/alumni-updates</a> or else just send us a letter in the mail. May we be reminded that each of us are part of God's unfolding story.

These are the 6 Core Outcomes NBC strives to build into students (read more on this at <a href="nipawin.org/about/beliefs">nipawin.org/about/beliefs</a>). They are a good reminder of what is really worth continual pursuit in this life, if we desire to grow in our God-given purpose. Perhaps your video or story might touch on one or two of these key areas:

- 1. Self-Identity rooted in Christ
- 2. Spirit-Empowered walk with God
- 3. Scriptural Conviction & Competence
- 4. Sharing the Gospel
- 5. Servanthood
- 6. Strong Church Connection

May God remind you today of His purpose in your life.

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