

Amber Ward 2025

Amber Ward- AIMER to Finland

Field Notes

I arrived in Finland a month ago, and even before my arrival, I could see God's hand at work. Since I arrived, I have been able to establish connections with both students and teachers. I have actively participated in student life with the student overalls pictured, which I made into a dress that other students enjoyed seeing. I have prayer walked on campus and on my route to campus, and I am building relationships and friendships at school and in daily life. I attended small-group training at Uudet Alut. I love being part of the small groups that Uudet Alut offers, and I am so honored to be able to help.

Personal Notes

An important aspect of student life is represented by the overalls pictured above. Drawing on my sewing skills, I adapted the pants portion into a modest skirt and sewn on my first three patches. These overalls serve as a means for students to identify one another and to cultivate a sense of belonging. In addition, my Finnish language learning continues to progress, despite my thick accent, and I remain positive and hopeful as I connect with people in their native language. I want to express my gratitude once more to everyone and say thank you to all who have supported and given.

Here's a link to learn more about the overalls:

<https://finland.fi/life-society/whats-the-deal-with-the-overalls-you-see-university-students-wearing-in-finland/>



with gratitude, Amber Ward
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