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Have a blessed Christmas!

Chi Alpha Missions

Chi Alpha at University of MO—St Louis and
Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville



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Sharing Jesus at the Art Institute of Chicago

International students like to visit many places during their short visit to the USA. Many times we have taken students to Chicago to visit. It's a great time of building friendships.

Praying for open doors. This year we took nine students to visit. It was my prayer that God would open doors for us to share the gospel.

After walking around for what seemed like several miles, I sat down on a bench and rested in front of the picture to the right. (A 15 foot by 20 foot painting.)

Chinese students who accompanied us sat down next to me. One student asked me, "How did you become a Christian?" **Open door!** I briefly shared my testimony. She was interested in learning more about Christianity.

Bible discussion group. We prayed that people from this trip would join us for an Investigative Bible Discussion group. A few days after our trip I invited one of the girls. We started meeting that week with her and all of her room mates and others!



Got a chance to share Jesus at the Art Institute in front of the above painting

We have met all semester. We have been doing an overview of the Bible in twelve lessons. **It is exciting to take people from almost zero knowledge about the Bible** and explain the best-selling book in the world and share the gospel! We have discussed Creation/evolution, sin, prophecies about Jesus, the Passover, and how it all points toward Jesus and God's desire to be reconciled with man.

First Full Year at SIUE

At the beginning of the fall semester we started Chi Alpha at SIUE (Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville) with one student.



Bryan and Cecile with students from SIUE

Since then we have met several students, started a Bible Discussion group, and created a website: www.siuexa.com, and had many events.

We are so thankful for the SIUE students who prayed with us last year for God to move at SIUE. These students have graduated, but their investment in prayer is reaping answers from God.



Special points of interest:

- Investigative Bible discussion!
- SIUE: first full year.
- 70 attend Thanksgiving dinner.
- An opportunity!

"This week, I set the goal of allowing God to be my #1 time commitment.. For I have struggled to spend time in the Word daily, pray without ceasing, etc.. I make a stand today..." -student from SIUE



Left: Bryan and Cecile with students from SIUE and UMSL



Left:
Thanksgiving
dinner.
70 people
attended from
27 nations



The holiday season provides a great opportunity to meet with students and show them the love of Jesus.

This Thanksgiving seventy students from 27 nations joined us for our Thanksgiving dinner. Bryan got to share the reason that the pilgrims were thankful for.

He also got to share the biggest reason to be thankful—Jesus dying on the cross for our sins!

Right: Bryan
shares about
Thanksgiving



Jeremy (above: 9 years-old) is using an i-pad provided by the school to communicate. He is responding well, but still needs total healing from autism.

Will you help? We so appreciate friends and churches who partner with us prayerfully and financially to make it possible for us to share the gospel at UMSL and SIUE! We have been so blessed!



We have something important to mention about our finances. For this year we are \$10,800 short in receiving contributions. In other words, friends pledged to give a certain amount every month, but due to economic hard times, some had difficulty sending their support.



Could you help make up for this with a special gift? Thanks so much!

Abigail (7 years-old) gets straight A's in school! She is very driven and motivated! Our prayer is she will be motivated and driven for Jesus' purposes.

Jonathan loves trains! He is talking all the time. We appreciate your prayers for our kids!



The World Missions Summit, Dec 28-30, twms3.com

5000 to 6000 thousand college students will be descending on Fort Worth, TX to be challenged and encouraged to get God's heart for the world's lost people.

800 missionaries from around the world will come and invest in this important generation. Every student will get the opportunity to have lunch with a missionary and hear about their missions field, and pray about going.

The challenge for every student attending: give a year of your life to missions, and pray about a lifetime. All college-age people are invited to attend (not just XA students).

This is the third world missions summit, which is a collaborative effort of Assembly of God World Missions and Chi Alpha to mobilize students to be life-long missionaries, no matter what vocation God will lead them to pursue. I encourage students to see themselves as missionaries cleverly disguised as students, and later cleverly disguised as engineers, scientists, teachers,...

Please pray more students than ever before will attend and get God's heart for people who do not know Him, yet. See more information at www.twms3.com

Instructions for Special Gift

Via Web

To give securely via the web, you will find instructions here:

www.umslxa.com/specialoffering.php

Via mail

Instead of contributing via the web, you can mail it.

- Make out check to "AG US Missions".
- In the memo portion of the check write "Acct: 2630457 (09) Bryan Ames"
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