

# The Ames Family

## HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

# 2018

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We have much to be grateful during this past eventful year! We celebrated 15 years of service at University of MO—St Louis and 6 years at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

During the summer we attended a Chi Alpha Campus Missions Conference in Phoenix, AZ. It was an epic drive during which we got to visit alumni, family and friends in OK/TX/CO/NE, White Sands National Monument, and the Grand Canyon.

During our trip we met with Kay, one of our UMSL Chi Alpha alumni. After graduation he got a highly sought-after position as a software engineer. He thought he had reached the epitome of the American dream and that his life was complete. He quickly became disillusioned with the greed and corruption of the corporate world, and started visiting churches. He got saved, married a beautiful Christian young lady, and has two children. He said, **"Now I understand what you were doing at UMSL. You were planting seeds!"** "God's word does not return void....I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation."

We got to plant the seed of the gospel in the heart of hundreds of international and American students at University of MO—St Louis and SIUE. Thank you so much for being a vital part of this mission through your prayers and support all these years!

Best wishes for the New Year! The Ames Family



*Jeremy, a friend from India, Cecile, Bryan, Jonathan, Abigail*

### Bryan and Cecile Ames Chi Alpha Missionaries Our Family

Jeremy is fifteen and is almost as tall as his Dad and is built like a football player. Abigail is a fun 13 year-old scholar. Jonathan is twelve and loves electronic devices. Cecile has left her full-time position so she can devote more time to family and Chi Alpha.

Cecile and Abigail journeyed to the Philippines for Cecile's mom's eightieth birthday. God gave them a great time visiting the other side of the world!

### Plans for the New Year

We get to embark on an exciting new adventure! We have felt led by God to continue serving in Chi Alpha, but at a different location, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, VA. We will be joining a multi-cultural team of Chi Alpha missionaries at this big campus! VCU has 30,000 students, and many are from the Middle East. We get to reach them, and equip American students to share about the hope that lies within them to international students from all over the world. No matter where we serve, we will share the gospel with international students!

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