



JESUS SAVES!

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REACHING INTERNATIONAL
AND AMERICAN STUDENTS
WITH JESUS' LOVE

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- CONTINUED HEALING FOR JEREMY AND JONATHAN
- PRAY FOR SALVATION FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HEARING THE GOSPEL
- A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS
- FOR GOD TO PROVIDE OUR INTENSE NEED (SEE LAST PAGE)
- FAVOR WITH CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS WHEN-RAISING SUPPORT

STUDENTS BAPTIZED!

We got to baptize five students in water from Taiwan, China, and India.

The day before we were going to baptize students I asked one young lady if she was ready to be water baptized. She said she was not sure. The next day she showed up at our pre-baptism meeting. **I led her in the sinner's prayer**, and thirty minutes later I got to baptize her in water!

Also baptized a new brother in Christ from India. He is studying



Mechanical Engineering right now, but desires to start a church in his country.

He is really hungry to learn about God's word. Praise God for answers to prayers!

THANKSGIVING MEAL

People from Turkey, Greece, Iran, Togo, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama joined us to celebrate Thanksgiving.



We shared that the Pilgrims came to the "new world" to worship Jesus freely, and **we got to share the gospel!**

We really appreciate the valuable help of our International Student Friendship volunteers!

JESUS CHANGES A LIFE THROUGH CHI ALPHA



Katherine (left) and a friend from Turkey.

Katherine*, a student from the USA, posted this on facebook about her first visit to SIUE Chi Alpha: "I didn't care about God and I only went because my dad wanted me to. **Little did I know that it could change my life.** When I hit rock bottom Chi Alpha was there to pull me back. When I laughed again they laughed with me. Chi Alpha changed my life and **I don't know where I would be with Christ or in**

college if I hadn't come to that meeting.

Thank you Chi Alpha for all you've done for me."

She is now a student leader with Chi Alpha at SIUE, and is also leading "Options Now", a pro-life organization at SIUE.

We thank God for changing lives!

*not her real name

TASTE OF ASIA CULTURE NIGHT

We had a great time eating food from many different Asian countries!

We also got to hear people make presentations about their countries. It was a great time! Students joined us from S. IL-U—Edwardsville, U of MO—St Louis, and Lindenwood University.

Sayaka, a missionary with Chi Alpha at Southern IL U—Carbondale, powerfully shared her testimony! We heard a great presentation of the gospel. See more pictures at amesxa.com/gallery.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM (ISFP)

We recruit American families to show the love of Jesus to international students.

Seventy percent of international students who visit the USA leave without ever visiting an American home. Through this program students get the opportunity to

visit the home of a loving family (or individual). We so appreciate our American friends for being a

blessing to our International friends. See more pictures at www.amesxa.com/gallery.



FAMILY UPDATE

Our son, **Jeremy** has autism and does not talk. **Recently he has had major improvements in his behavior.** He is twelve years-old and is taller than his Mom! We appreciate your continued prayers for him! **Pray this will be the year he starts talking.**

Jonathan is 9 and has had major improvement in school—to the extent where he is being mainstreamed for a significant portion of his school day. He

loves airplanes and trains, and playing with his sister.

Abigail is a typically developing 10 year-old young lady. She excels academically. She loves to read, and is great at writing. Abigail and Jonathan love bible story time!

Last summer Cecile had a health scare. She started feeling numb on the right side of her body. Many tests and symptoms revealed that she did not have a

stroke, but she does have a growth in her spine that is pinching her spinal cord. Miraculously, the symptoms completely stopped. **Thank you so much for your prayers for us!**



GOSPEL REACHING CHINA

One Chinese student was invited by fellow Chinese students with these words, **“They have food, you should come.”**

She came to our Investigative Bible Meeting specifically for students that are new to the Christianity. She got saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and baptized in

water. Upon her return to her country, we had a video conversation with her via wechat. During this conversation she observed, “Everyone here [in China] just...focuses on their career. No one is concerned about the state of their soul. They need Jesus.”

In eight months she went from being an atheist to saying her people need Jesus.

That’s the power of the gospel!

“...they need Jesus...”

SEASON OF OPPORTUNITY

Expecting great things this holiday season! This is a time we pray for all those who only attend church on holidays. Praying that they encounter God and start on a deep and meaningful relationship with Jesus.

We also have great opportunities during this time. At



“For God did not send His Son into the world...

Christmas we will present the story of the biggest

Thanksgiving we presented the biggest reason to be thankful—the love of Jesus for a sinful world. At

and most important rescue plan—Jesus coming to earth for us (amesxa.com/rescue-plan).

Please pray for God’s maximum for His kingdom in Chi Alpha and in your church! Pray we will see people join us for our path toward heaven, our eternal home!



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Our vision by God's grace is to reach students with the love of Jesus.

People are a whole lot more likely to believe we are concerned about the eternal fate of their soul if we show concern for their material needs.

We provide activities (like nature hikes, Taste of Asia Culture Night) as a way to meet and build relationship with students that have little or no interest in the Bible or Christianity.

Through this we can invite these students to attend our Investigative Bible Study, Chi Alpha Worship Night, and Connect Groups and Discipleship; so we can equip them to be spiritual leaders here in the USA and around the world. **We could not do this without your prayers, support and encouragement.**
Thank you!

INTENSE NEED

We have seen huge blessings from the Lord in seeing lives changed for His kingdom!

We so appreciate churches and individuals who partner with us financially and in prayer! You make this possible!

We are \$13,000 in the red!

We have not had enough contributions to cover \$13,000 in ministry-related and personal expenses.

This has put us in a desperate place financially.

Please prayerfully consider making a special offering for the end of this year to help cover this huge

shortfall in contributions. This is a tax deductible donation.

Thank you so much for sending a gift!

You can mail your contributions to

*Chi Alpha
Attn: Finance Department
1445 N Boonville Ave
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Make out your check to "Assemblies of God" and write "**Ames 263045709**" in the memo portion of the check (necessary for your contribution to reach its destination).

You can also contribute online. More information about this here:

amesxa.com/give.

We could not reach people like Katherine and others with the life-changing gospel without your prayers and financial support. We pray God will continue to pour out His abundant blessings on you, your family and your church!

