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Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Students with open hearts to join us for the All Nations Conference
- Prayer for our finances
- Jeremy just celebrated his 10th birthday, pray this will be the year he starts talking (he has autism)
- Pray for training of student leaders in preparation for the fall semester



Kay, the Groom, in the story below



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Planting seeds, and God Causing the Growth.

In our International Student Friendship Program we have wonderful American individuals and families who volunteer to meet with international students once per month. Here is a note from one of them:

Greetings! my family and I were involved in the international student ministry at UMSL a few years ago. **We had a student named Kay*. We wanted to let you know that he has recently given his life to GOD!!**

Privilege to Plant Seeds: We are so humbled to have been given the opportunity to plant a seed in his life! He graduated in 09 and moved to Oklahoma in 10 and we've seen him once since then but have kept in contact with him.

He got married this weekend to a girl he met at church. We went to his wedding this weekend and **to listen to him talk about The Lord is amazing!** You can tell he has had a life change!

Now he attends church! He now attends a Korean church and is really involved with his church family! He said [his] outlook on life has changed and **his primary focus is getting his family to know Christ!!** We are so thankful and humbled that God has allowed our paths to cross! I just wanted to give you a testimony! Blessing to you and this ministry!!

It is amazing to see the seed of the gospel planted and coming to fruition in this young man's life.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 "6.I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7.So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth."

Through your continued prayers and support we will be able to continue to reach young people like Kay.

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Thomas and Mary

Chi Alpha: Transforming the University, the Marketplace, and the World

Thomas and Mary (husband and wife) are from Finland, and are both children of missionaries. Thomas studied music at UMSL. Mary grew up in Japan, where her parents were missionaries, and speaks Japanese fluently. Here is a message we recently received from Mary:

I want to thank you that when we were in USA you encouraged me so many times in many different ways Back then I didn't have much confidence in my musical career and kind of had stopped making music. Now that God has opened the doors again and I've said to Him to be willing to share gospel through music (especially to Japan) many amazing things has started... **Now that I understand a little bit more, that it is all about Jesus, He is there with me so I don't have to sing or play alone. He can send His amazing love through music!!**

I'm going to Japan in May for 15 days as a cellist in one band called "mikko goes to heaven". **We are going to have 21 concerts there and reaching out about 2000 people or so...**

Then on June me and Thomas are going to **Kosovo** for youth art camp, I'm teaching accapella choir there. It is going to be very exciting for about half of the students are Muslims. All the teachers and leaders are Christians.

So please pray for these two tasks that God would give His wisdom and power and heavenly melodies that will touch peoples hearts and lead them to Jesus, amen

Who would have thought that this couple we met and encouraged would go on to share the gospel in Finland, Japan and Kosovo? And who knows what God has in store for them?

God answers prayer. Thank you for your prayers for us as we interact with students. Please pray for Thomas and Mary to have maximum impact for the Kingdom.



Some of our students after "Overflow" meeting, see article to right



Above: Easter Party. With friends from China, Malaysia, Madagascar, Ghana, Philippines, Taiwan, USA

Celebrating His Resurrection!

Easter is a wonderful time to share the gospel.

All someone would have to do to invalidate the gospel is prove the resurrection of Jesus did not happen. (1 Corinthians 15:32)

Atheists have attempted to disprove His resurrection.

Those who have studied the evidence, found so much overwhelming historical proof for His resurrection, they have decided to follow Jesus!

I challenged students with this fact. I encouraged Christians that a person does not have to stop using their intellect when becoming a Christian. The facts support Christianity.

Highlight of the Semester: Chi Alpha

At one of our Overflow (worship and teaching/discussion time we have on Thursday nights) we asked students to share a couple of the highlights from their semester. Students shared about many different things, but a couple of the **students shared one of the highlights of their semester was Chi Alpha**. One student said she visited many different groups on campus, but she felt at home in Chi Alpha.

Our prayer is that Chi Alpha will be a spiritual home away from home for students. A place where they can experience community with brothers and sisters in Christ, grow in their faith, and share the gospel with others.

Eph 6:19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,