

Reaching the Nations

By reaching international and American university students



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Prayer opportunities, please pray for:

- ◆ Greater intimacy with Jesus
- ◆ God continue to work in the hearts of those returning to their countries
- ◆ God to prepare hearts of new students in Spring to receive the gospel
- ◆ God to mobilize Christians to see college as a mission field
- ◆ The World Missions Summit
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Christmas Party 2016

Christmas is such a wonderful time to share the gospel. Students, scholars, and alumni from nations all over the world (Netherlands, Germany, India, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, Russia, Nigeria, USA) gathered to celebrate with us.

Bryan shared about the Christmas being part of the divine rescue plan. We sang Christmas carols, and we ate a lot of great food. It was a wonderful opportunity to share about Jesus' love and build relationships. We so appreciate so many who volunteered to help make this possible!

Wedding Ceremony



Bryan got to conduct his first wedding ceremony for a Chinese couple.

For many of these students and scholars, it was the first time they had ever been in a church! Bryan shared the gospel, and printed out the text of what he shared to assist people

who have English as their second language.

Several visiting scholars from China took the text of the ceremony back to China with them to share with their spouses!

The gospel goes back to China!

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Chi Alpha Camping Trip

We had our first ever Chi Alpha Camping trip!

We stayed in tents (well, most of us!) We roasted marshmallows by a camp fire.

Our host, Mr Alexander, shared about his experience owning a business. He mentioned that he ran his

business according to biblical principles, and God blessed it.

Bryan shared about the opportunity we have to be in relationship with God. After the presentation, a visiting scholar (already has a Ph D in philosophy) **mentioned to me that he**

has studied many different religions, but had never heard anything about having a relationship with God.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16a

Mosaic, an international student conference

During Thanksgiving Break we took students to a conference called Mosaic. Students from many different countries, who are enrolled in a plethora of different universities in the USA attended.

Bryan got to share a session

on the significance and meaning of Thanksgiving in USA culture in the first morning session.

We also visited Washington DC and NYC.

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Students at Central Park in NYC

An Intense Need

We could not do these activities and reach these nations without your prayers and financial support!

This year we have seen much less financial support come in than in the past, **particularly the last three 3 months during which we saw \$6000 shortfall in contributions.** During this time of year we have expenses for conferences, including students who need financial assistance to attend, holiday events. **Would you consider making a special offering to help cover this shortfall and extra expenses?! Thank you!**

You can send a check to Chi Alpha,
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1445 Boonville Ave,
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Make your check out to "Assemblies of God" and write "Ames XA 2630457" in the memo of the check. Want to contribute online:

see more information at amesxa.com/give.

We so appreciate those who generously give and pray! You are making a difference!!



Over 5000 people are registered for the world missions summit. College

students will be challenged to share the love of Jesus with the world. Please pray for this pivotal gathering.

Students will get to meet with missionaries and are challenged with life-changing messages!

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Family Update

Jeremy is 13 years-old. He is definitely taller than his Mom now. He has autism and is still not verbal. He has had a better year than before. Please pray he behaves better at school. Pray for a miracle. Thank you so much!

Abigail is 11 years-old and loves to read, and has a vocabulary to show for it. She says she frequently uses words at school of which her classmates are completely unaware. Pray that she

will continue to grow in her relationship with Jesus! And Abigail wanted me to mention that she is awesome!

Jonathan is 10 years-old and loves video games. He is an extremely picky eater, and it's a constant battle to get him to eat enough. Jonathan has high-functioning autism, but has great potential academically. He has recently had great improvement in cooperating at school.

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