

## **A pivotal mission field**

One million international students from all over the world attend universities in the USA. Upon graduating, international students become leaders in government, media, journalism, business, medicine, science, and education--being a pivotal part of shaping their respective cultures. Forty percent of current leaders in governments were international students. This is part of what makes the university one of the most important mission fields on earth.

## **The blessings of serving international students**

While serving with Chi Alpha for the past several years, we have been able to experience first-hand the pivotal nature of the university.

These are examples of alumni we have been able to reach:

- South Korean student attending seminary praying about future direction in the mission field
- Award-winning employee at Samsung who is an active part of her church--serving in hospitality
- Award-winning journalist at a major publication in his country
- Alumni from Madagascar leading a team of other alumni (we also got to serve in XA) in reaching other international students on a university campus
- Alumni from India being a witness for Jesus in his country
- Alumni from closed Muslim country equipping pastors from his country to share the gospel there
- Many other alumni working as missionaries cleverly disguised as engineers, teachers, scientists, healthcare professionals, business people, full-time moms

Seventy seven percent of college students currently attending Chi Alpha ministries are not from a church background. We get to reach those who would never otherwise darken the threshold of church doors.

***Chi Alpha, reconciling students to Christ, transforming the university, the marketplace, and the world!***

## **A new opportunity to reach university students**

God ultimately knows the place where He wants us and our family to be as we continue to serve in Chi Alpha. We will be serving on a different university --we are happy to announce that we will be joining the XA team at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida! We are praying God will make it possible for us to be moving there in a month!

Florida State University has a total undergraduate enrollment of 33,270 students and is home to approximately 2,500 international students from 130 nations and areas. The international student population at FSU is largely composed of graduate students (78%) many of whom make great contributions in research and teaching. Students come from China, Korea, Panama, India, Turkey, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, Lebanon, United Kingdom and many other nations.

***No matter where we serve, we will be reaching international students with the gospel.***



## Remaining \$850 to raise in monthly financial support by December 31st

We are almost there to get to 100% of our needed monthly support! We thank God for all the faithful partners we have all these years and for the new ones who joined our support team in recent months. Here is a breakdown of what we need. Would you prayerfully ask God to take one of these slots below?

5 person at \$100/month

5 person at \$50/month

4 person at \$25/month

## Goal to raise \$8,000 in annual gifts by Dec 31, 2020 due to our move from St Louis

Would you be willing to give an annual gift to help towards our moving expenses and some repairs of our house in order for us to sell it? We will be spending \$8,000 for the aforementioned expenses.

### Ways to give

- If you would like to give an annual or monthly gift securely online go to: [s1.ag.org/ames](http://s1.ag.org/ames)
- If giving by check, write your first check and make it out to "Chi Alpha" and include "Bryan Ames #2630457" on the memo line of the check.
- Mail check to : *US Missions, 1445 N. Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802*
- Your gift will be tax-deductible and handled with complete integrity through the Assemblies of God US Missions Department.

### Prayer Requests

1. For the house we are selling in St Louis to get a contract by Dec. 31st.
2. For God to provide a house for us in Tallahassee, FL soon.
3. For our children to have an easier transition in their new schools.
4. For grace, strength and protection from God during our move.
5. For God to prepare the hearts of students we will be ministering to at FSU.
6. For new partners in ministry to join our support team.
7. For God to help us grow in our intimacy with Jesus.

We are looking forward to the many opportunities that await us in discipling international and American students to be a part of God's call to impact people globally for the gospel. We can't continue on this mission alone. We thank all those who have been partnering faithfully with us to share the gospel all these years. Thank you in advance for all those who will be joining our team in impacting the nations for Jesus!

We wish to you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year!

With deep gratitude for your partnership in this important mission,

Bryan and Cecile Ames