



# Transforming MU NEWS FROM UWE



MAY — JULY 2004

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries is a community where we love people, care for people, are passionate about Jesus Christ and the things of God.

Uwe Muench ■ 2408 Whitegate Drive, Apt #5 ■ Columbia, MO 65202  
573-489-4589 ■ muench@xmail.missouri.edu ■ Missionary Account: 700001-3991148

Hello! We do not always understand God's plans and timing, but they are amazing and awesome. Just a couple of days after sending my last newsletter, God delayed our Haiti trip by two weeks. Several of us needed to minister back here to a few Mizzou students one-on-one, and one of our team members originally could not go with us to Haiti, but due to the delay she was able to recover in time from a surgery. Praise to the Lord. The Haiti trip was delayed, but not denied! Please enjoy the praise reports and pictures from our Haiti trip June 3—15.

Right after my return I turned around as planned and spent 10 days in Springfield, MO, for "Reach the U", a Chi Alpha conference to train student leaders as well as missionaries with assignments similar to mine. I learned so many new things at the conference from the great teaching sessions, and I personally grew closer to God as well.

Our student-led summer Chi Alpha services were a great success. Students who stayed near MU were able to fellowship together, as well as minister to a few new students who never visited Chi Alpha before. Besides that, I worked hard this July to increase my support team, my intercessors, and my finances. I still am in need of more contacts (as a German citizen, I do not know that many Americans); it would be of great help if you know anyone who might be interested in supporting a US missionary. But I know that God will show His power and love. As I am challenged, I also encourage you to ask God for your needs and believe that He will provide. He desires to reveal His glory through us, His creation. Let us therefore stand in the gap together for the sake of Christ.

## HAITI

We received a call from the missionary in Haiti that there had been heavy rain for several days, resulting in flooding. It was impossible for them to get to the next town, let alone to the airport in Port au Prince along the only street, the "highway". So we had to postpone our trip by two weeks. While our street dried, other parts of Haiti were flooded and were in the news. Our prayer and intercession increased, thinking about all the people in Haiti, especially Gerald, the saved voodoo priest, and his still unsaved wife. In January, she was very upset with Gerald's decision, and because she owned all the voodoo items, they were not yet destroyed.

We visited Gerald's wife a few days in a row, each day inviting her and Gerald to join us for dinner and inviting her to our services. After three days, they did come. The next day, Gerald's wife was at the service, came forward during the altar call, and gave her life to Jesus! Probably the most exciting thing is that the next two nights she was at the services sincerely worshipping God, singing every word of the songs.

The night Gerald's wife accepted Christ, we asked if we could come to destroy their voodoo things the next morning. Both said yes, so we all got up early and walked down to their house. Together with members of the nearby church, we started hauling things out of the house, digging up buried objects (see top picture), and tearing down a structure related to the ceremonies. We piled everything up and set it on fire (see middle picture). Then we praised God, worshiped on the new holy ground, and celebrated. All the time with us was Milani (the lady in the middle of the bottom picture). She and her father were involved in voodoo, but they were saved in May 2003 on one of our previous trips. Just one year later, she passionately helped us change the area.



← "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime" (Psalms 30:5) →

Like on previous trips, we visited homes to witness, pray with people, and invite them to services. One day we were walking by an old man who was sitting along the path. Our translator stopped and started to talk with him. Pastor Winston told him about Jesus, and the man said that that morning he thought that a “good thing” would happen. He accepted Jesus, the best thing that could happen!

On our last full day in Haiti, we received word that down the road there was a lady sick with Tuberculosis, who wanted to accept Christ and wanted us to pray for her. She had not eaten or drunk anything for 10 days and was in a lot of pain. Pastor Winston led her in a prayer for salvation, and we prayed for her healing. We have not heard any updates about her, but we know that God kept her alive to become a Christian!

Our main purpose on the trip is to share Jesus with the people of Haiti, but it means everything to them when we simply bring a Christ-like love and share our lives with them. One day we wanted to bless and serve everyone that lives and works at the orphanage. The girls on the team had a “spa day” for the Haitian women and pampered them. While that was taking place the guys on the team prepared pizza for everyone to enjoy that evening for dinner. Pizza in Haiti is a very rare treat! As you can see below, we gave them the royal treatment as they drank kool-aid and ate unlimited pizza. Even though we spend a lot of time praying for people and holding services the ministry of love and care is just as powerful.



### REACH THE U

Right after Haiti I went to the national leadership conference of Chi Alpha in Springfield, MO.

There are about 250 Chi Alpha groups in the nation. Besides Chi Alpha pastors, there are about 120 US missionaries in a support role as intern or missionary aide, like I am. This June 2004, I was one of over 60 of these support people who were gathered together in Springfield so that we can draw closer to God and learn from one of the best

faculty in the world how to more effectively reach college students (see the picture of us, follow the arrow to find and maybe recognize me). And besides that, for a few days we were joined by 350 student leaders from all over the nation to learn together and to worship our Lord and King Jesus.



### MU LEADERSHIP TEAM

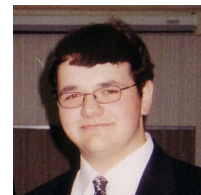
While we have a great team of staff at MU Chi Alpha, we could not do the work alone. We need students who catch the vision that the university is their witnessing field and then commit time and effort to be on leadership with us, helping out with our activities and leading cell groups.

While we had 14 students on leadership last year, we are blessed to have 27 students this coming school year. I just want to introduce two of those students to you:



Lecreshia McKinney joined Chi Alpha a year ago. She has multiple sclerosis (MS), so quite often she has to use a wheelchair. But you will not find her discouraged. She always has a smile on her face, is very gentle and friendly. Lecreshia is a wonderful fit for our sign-in table, greeting students and writing name tags.

Jesse Shoults will be a sophomore next year. In his past he dealt with the occult. After becoming a Christian, he needed our help with surrounding temptations. He now is strong for Christ and will lead a cell group next year.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

As always I covet your prayers. Please be led by the Spirit whenever you pray for me. I believe that God will show you my prayer needs clearer than what I can ever ask for. The main prayer requests that came to my mind this time are these:

- Success in finding new contacts and support partners
- Keeping me strong in my walk with God. Especially protecting me from a spirit of discouragement or even frustration during my fundraising assignment.
- Success in reaching students in the beginning of the next school year. Students make choices quickly who they will join. We need to reach faithful and teachable students, so that we together can share the gospel with the rest of campus.
- Specifically, we need favor for our annual cookout on Aug. 22, and for our fiesta outreach on Aug. 24, as well as our smaller outreaches and service projects.