



Transforming MU NEWS FROM UWE

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

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Greetings! Students are back on campus for over a month now. Again, there are over 4000 freshmen entering MU, and many new international students arrived. Most of them, around 95%, do not have a relationship with our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. In the last 6 weeks we worked hard to reach all the students at MU. Many joined Chi Alpha; we average about 100 students at the regular Tuesday night services. Many more were impacted some way at one of our outreaches. And even more know through promotional material and even an article in the student newspaper (The Maneater) that Chi Alpha is a safe place, where we love people, care for people, and where we are serious about God and a relationship with Jesus.

At one of our first events, we met Dan. He is gay, but he knows that God is real, and he wants to know more about Him. However, Dan's home church told him that he would go to hell and that he was not welcome to come back. I thank God that He gave Dan the courage to come to Chi Alpha and to openly share. Without this exciting start we would not be able to share the full meaning of the gospel with him. In Chi Alpha we hate sin, but love the sinner. After all, Jesus came to heal the sinners and broken-hearted. He has the power to transform us all.

In the first weeks we did so many things that I can give you only a small overview of our activities. And we have many more things planned for the coming months. As always, I thank you and plead for your prayers and support. Let us once again stand together in the gap for the sake of Christ.

ALPHA WEEK

Alpha Week is the name for our outreaches in the week before classes start and the large activities at the beginning of the first week of school.

We helped students move into the dorms, gave away free ice cream, had an open house in our XA house, had a great cookout (called Food Fest) with basketball and volleyball tournaments, and also had an exciting Fiesta with games, prizes, and free tacos.



Fun and games at the open house



Hot dogs and hamburgers at the Food Fest (left)



During the volleyball tournament (right)



Ice cream give-away

“For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime” (Psalms 30:5)

Here are some pictures from our Fiesta:



Our student-president Royce has fun moderating the Fiesta (left)

Hula-hoop is always a lot of fun (left below); talking to people and making new friends (right below)



REACHING INTERNATIONALS

Besides creating activities which try to reach everyone on campus, we also concentrate on international students through one of our ministries, International Student Friendship ISF.

ISF helped the International Center during their orientation for new international students and scholars and we made many new friendships.

At the end of the first week of classes, we prepared an American Picnic for internationals, with games and a few prizes. Lots of internationals came out and many of them joined our Friday evening ISF-activities last month.



Two German girls getting food (top), Regina and me signing up people for the prize drawing (left).



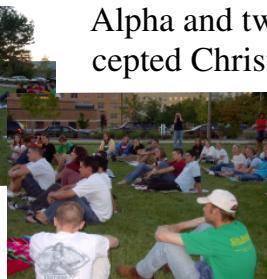
One Saturday in September, we led a trip to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival to strengthen our friendships with the internationals.

OUTREACHES

Triple XA: This is a fun game for everyone (Americans and internationals), including a Scavenger Hunt and Capture the Flag on campus. We played for three hours, and then built relationships at 'Old Chicago'.



Comedy Night: In late September, we had Curtis Harlow from the national office at MU. He is very funny, and his comedy night was well received. The next night he preached at Chi



Alpha and two students accepted Christ for the first time. We also prayed for lots of other needs and direction for the future.

PRAYER REQUESTS

I hope many of you are eagerly looking for this section. As always I need your spirit-led prayers. The main prayer requests that came to my mind this time are these (some of them are still ongoing):

- Success in increasing my support contacts and long-term support partners.
- Keeping me strong in my walk with God. Especially protecting me from a spirit of discouragement or even frustration during my fundraising.
- Success in continually reaching students. Open doors to impact students who need discipleship in their lives and for Jesus to completely transform them.
- You met Lecreshia in my last newsletter. Her multiple sclerosis (MS) flared up and creates a lot of pain, especially in her legs. Please believe with me in a complete healing for her.