



Transitioning: MU and UCLA 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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Hello! By now, all of you have heard about God's opportunity of a lifetime for me: I will be part of a team to plant a Chi Alpha group at UCLA! Even though that means that I entered into a season of transition and change, I did not just coast. The team and I went full force and we are finishing strong at MU. Chi Alpha at MU has great momentum and continues to grow. Every week we minister to 200 students. What a joy to see transformed lives every week, what an honor to serve Jesus at a university like Mizzou!

Especially during this Christmas season, I want to thank you so much for your prayers and support. It is desperately needed and highly appreciated. I want to wish you all a *merry Christmas* and a *happy new year*. I pray that you will receive new revelations about God's greatness and that you will be able to capture many opportunities to witness. That way we will be standing in the gap together once again for the sake of Christ.

SUMMARY OF THE SECOND HALF OF FS 2004

Since my last newsletter, Chi Alpha did so many things: We had two **hayrides**, one especially for international students and one for everyone in our fellowship. We volunteered at the mid-Missouri **food bank**. We went on a **missions trip**, helping with an inner city outreach in Kansas City. We had a huge **Thanksgiving Banquet** with 130 people attending, great food, and a wonderful guest speaker. And we celebrated Christmas with our **Christmas party**.

One of our guest speakers, Scott Martin (the national missions director for Chi Alpha) and his wife Crystal, challenged our students to serve on missions trips after graduation: "Will you give a year of service and pray about a lifetime?" About 15 of our students committed to missions after graduation in front of everyone.



There is more coming soon: In a few days, we will take 55 students with us to Cincinnati, OH, to our annual conference called SALT. Please pray for us and our students between Dec. 28 and Jan. 1.



HOMECOMING AND MORE

Every year our students are excited about our famous lawnmower drill team in the Homecoming parade. We won our division for four years straight! It is a great opportunity to serve the university and the community and, at the same time, to strengthen relationships and to demonstrate the joy we have in Jesus.



This year, we were asked to also participate in the Christmas Parade, a fundraiser for 'Toys for Tots'. We gladly accepted, developed a new routine and designed a new outfit.



Our group at the Christmas parade (top), our group during MU Homecoming (bottom left) and afterwards (top left)

"How beautiful are the feet of those that bring good news" (Romans 10:15)

BAPTISM

Yongyi is a student from China. He is in a program which allows him to study in Amsterdam, Netherlands. From this program he was sent to MU for just a semester. He arrived last August, and we met him at the International Orientation. He then joined ISF and even visited Chi Alpha. At a service in the middle of the semester, he accepted Christ. Yongyi just left MU to go back to Amsterdam, but before he left, he made sure that he got baptized. Praise the Lord!



Yongyi is about to be baptized

LEAVING MU

OBEDIENCE TO THE CALL OF CHRIST NEARLY ALWAYS COSTS EVERYTHING TO TWO PEOPLE—THE ONE WHO IS CALLED, AND THE ONE WHO LOVES THAT ONE.

OSWALD CHAMBERS

When God called me to UCLA, He reminded me of the Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30). In verses 22 and 23, it says: *“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”*

I am happy that we are close to finding people who will replace us next fall semester. And it is great that we will have the opportunity to lead a Mizzou team to Haiti this coming May. But after that, we will have to turn in our 4 talents, rejoice with Jesus, and then take on our new charge!

UCLA INFO

- There are over 40,000 students enrolled at UCLA, representing over 125 nations.
- UCLA was founded on May 23, 1919.
- Today 1 in every 140 Californians holds a UCLA degree.
- 31 of UCLA’s Ph.D. programs are ranked in the top 20 of their field.
- Almost 60% of all undergraduates are from ethnic minorities.
- UCLA has more than 300,000 living alumni, many leaders of industry, commerce, film, and athletics.



Royce Hall (left) and Powell Library (right) on the UCLA campus



This is the staff team that will be pioneering Chi Alpha at UCLA. Pictured from left to right: Sara Benton, Winston Bui, Kimberly Bui, Eric Thomure, Rebekah Thomure, Brian Kloefkorn, Jessica Yoder, and Uwe Muench

I will be transitioning to UCLA with campus pastors, Winston and Kimberly Bui, and a staff team of 5 others. On January 24th, I will be moving to Los Angeles, California, with half of our team, and the rest of the team will join us in June of 2005. God has given us a vision for this campus, and we are answering the call. We have a plan A and no plan B, we are going to take the message of Jesus to UCLA and there is no looking back. I am not believing in something small, but I am believing that God will change the course of hundreds and thousands of lives, as well as nations. This campus holds the key to national platforms and venues for the name of Jesus Christ. I am leaving what I have grown to love because of the call and the will of God. I look ahead with great expectation and excitement.

PRAYER REQUESTS

As always I need your spirit-led prayers:

- Success in increasing my support contacts and long-term support partners.
- Pray for a move of God at our SALT conference Dec 28 — Jan 1.
- Pray and intercede for everyone on our team and a smooth transition.
- Pray and intercede for the new pastors who will be coming to MU.

To make contributions and pledges:

Make checks payable to Chi Alpha and note them with my name and acct # 3991148.

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