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Building a foundation —

News from Uwe

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries @ UCLA

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (John 4:35)

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

As you are reading this newsletter, we are beginning our third quarter at UCLA. God was truly moving during our second quarter. Through many activities as well as our regular services, Bible studies, and prayer meetings, God is bringing students to Chi Alpha.

I am thankful for God's blessings. They are no accident or coincidence. Our team is in God's plan and His will. We are diligently building a foundation, discipling students and making contacts with pre-Christians, including traditional students and internationals. God is honoring our obedience and connecting us with many diverse students, who will mature into great leaders for next school year.

God is tangibly working through your prayers and support in reaching the 42,000 students at UCLA. Thank you for your faithful prayers and your continued financial support. My work on campus relies on it.

Happy Easter and God's blessings. In Christ,

Uwe Muench



Stage with worship band (top); partial view of audience (left) at TWMS.

The World Missions Summit (TWMS)

TWMS was the largest Chi Alpha event to date. There were 4,300 students, leaders and missionaries attending this missions conference in Louisville, KY. Students were challenged to "give a year and pray about a lifetime" and over 700 students committed to a year of missions work after their graduation, including one of our UCLA students, Adam.



Our group also helped with an exhibit promoting Chi Alpha's International Student Friendship Ministry (picture to the right).

Monthly activities

Every month we plan an activity to build deeper relationships with each other and to invite students who might not typically come to a worship service. At the beginning of the second quarter we had a welcome back party, we visited the J. Paul Getty Museum in February, and we had fun ice-skating in March.



Activities: Students at the Getty Museum and at a restaurant afterwards (far left and top left), a student ice skating (left)



At the dorm talk (top left), lines and interaction at the milk shake give-away (top), worship at our regular service (left)

Outreaches

In February, Curt Harlow, West Coast Chi Alpha rep, visited UCLA. In a dorm talk he spoke to students about relationships and how to deal with roommates. On Tuesday night

Curt talked at our regular meeting about dating relationships and how to line up our desires with other people's desires and God's plan.

We also were on Bruin Walk during lunch time on

Tuesday, giving away free milk shakes. We served at least 250 milk shakes in an hour! We made many new connections and the visibility of Chi Alpha was hugely increased.

International Student Friendship

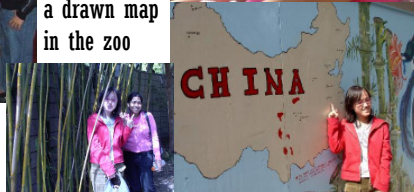
Every month we have an activity for international students. We are building deep relationships especially with several Chinese and Indian students.

In January we hosted a Chinese New Year's party with authentic Chinese cuisine. In February we introduced our international friends to pancakes and the Sunset strip shops in Los Angeles. And in March, we took a day trip to San Diego to see the world-famous zoo.

International students and us at the Chinese New Years party (below); international students at the San Diego zoo (right);



Xi shows her hometown on a drawn map in the zoo



Moving across town and other updates

Prayer Requests:

- New contacts with UCLA students, open doors for more divine connections
- Maturity and growth for involved students and future student leadership
- Divine contacts, anointed weekly services, Bible studies, contact table, etc. during the third quarter
- Release of God's supernatural power on campus and in my life
- Increased support and offerings and new support contacts in California.

- My roommates and I moved across town, my new address can be found on the right. Our new apartment is the same distance to campus, but it is bigger and has a better setup. We now can invite people over, show hospitality, and strengthen relationships with UCLA students.
- One Saturday, my roommate Brian and I were able to hang out with a student, Matt. He showed us around Pasadena, where he lives, and we drove to Mt. Wilson. Snow, just 40 miles away from us!
- I finished the first two Berean courses to be licensed, studying the book of Acts and the book of Genesis.

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