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Building a foundation —

News from Uwe

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries @ UCLA

Therefore, prepare your minds for action... (1 Peter 1:13a)

Greetings in the name of our Savior!

It is June and the first year of Chi Alpha at UCLA is over. We averaged over 25 people at our weekly services—and we made many more contacts in our Bible studies and through International Student Friendship. Two weeks ago, UCLA Chi Alpha had the *first* annual Leadership Retreat. This is our very important planning and preparation meeting for the next school year. We will have 24 people on staff and leadership—how amazing is that!

At our Final Banquet (another first for UCLA Chi Alpha) last Tuesday, we celebrated what God has done this last year. We enjoyed food at a beach patio of a restaurant and played many games at a party afterwards.

Although the school year is over and many students will head home for the summer, there is already much planned for the next three months. I am excited for what God has in store for me and our team. Blessings to all of you,

Uwe

Final Banquet

At the end of a school year, we celebrate what God has done by having a banquet and a party afterwards. Over 30 people came together, we honored the two people who are leaving us, and everyone enjoyed themselves. A few international students joined us in the celebration. One of them (we call him Jack) we have just recently met. He told us at the end of the evening that this was his happiest day in his 9 months in the US.

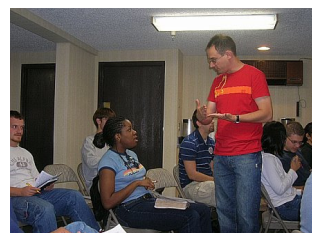


Celebration at the Final Banquet

Leadership Retreat

When we came to UCLA a year ago, we found 3 half-committed students. Two of them just graduated, but God is amazing: He sent us many new people and there will be 24 staff and student leaders at UCLA Chi Alpha next year. All of us met in mid-May to plan out the next school year.

At the retreat, personality types were studied, the vision for UCLA Chi Alpha was cast, plans were made, ideas were presented, and relationships were strengthened. We all are excited what God has planned here for next school year!



I am interacting with a student during a leadership session (top); Group picture of next year's staff and leadership (left)



Prayer Requests:

- Anointing and blessings for the trip to Germany and the message to the Berlin Chi Alpha group
- New divine connections with incoming freshmen and transfer students
- Smooth renewal of my visa status
- Favor with the UCLA administration regarding reservations for fall
- Maturity and growth for the leadership team and other students involved in Chi Alpha during the summer
- Increased support and offerings
- Release of God's supernatural power at UCLA and in my life

Germany Trip

As you are receiving this newsletter, I am traveling. After a short stop in Springfield, MO, for the wedding of Melanie and Royce, who are two Chi Alpha students from our Missouri group, I am flying to **Berlin, Germany**. I was invited to speak to the Chi Alpha group there on June 6! This is very exciting for me, as I will be preaching in my home country (and in my native language) for the first time. Please pray for me, that my ministry will be effective and that I can impact and encourage this young Berlin group in their relationship with Christ. I will then visit my parents and my home city, Cologne, for two weeks before I return to Los Angeles.



Students and staff praying for me, my trip to Germany and the message for the Chi Alpha group in Berlin.

Summer Activities and Prayer Requests

- UCLA will have 17 orientation sessions for a total of about 5,000 incoming freshmen and transfer students. Chi Alpha will be present at these sessions and we are praying for many divine connections.
- A couple of American students and several international students are staying in Los Angeles. I am looking forward to deepen my relationships with them.
- We will be preparing our fall events and need favor with the school administration for reservations.
- My visa status is up for renewal. There should be no problem, but I am praying for a smooth process.
- I will continue my Berean studies and hope to finish a few courses.

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Beach Party

In the first week of May, international and traditional students met at Santa Monica Beach for a picnic, beach volleyball and a lot of fun. Monthly activities like these always deepen relationships, especially with internationals.

Picnic at the beach (right); Eric buried in the sand (below)

