

The Guenthers @ Central

Your missionaries to college students across the Pacific Northwest



Campus updates, July-September

Hello team!

Our Chi Alpha ministries are in the midst of fall outreach on campus. It's full of activity, and also very, very fruitful in this season. Lots of nets are being cast with new students. This year we are on 12 campuses, and we feel privileged by Jesus to see growth happening. We'd love to give you an update!

(Also, Becky & I are a full month behind in our communication, so we're putting a little more into this prayer letter. Thank you so much for your patience.)

Thanking God for spiritual hunger

All of our ministries have launched, with record interest from students since Covid. There were 97 students last week at CWU, 195 at WWU, and similar highs for pretty much all our Chi Alpha campus ministries. We are praising God today for a great start to the year. **Please pray for ongoing revival!**



International students welcomed by Chi Alpha

At Whatcom Community College, Chi Alpha doesn't yet have a meeting on campus. Nonetheless, we are seeing students extend themselves to connect. In the photo (*left*), there's 60+ international students who came for food and conversation about God. Some of these students also trek across town to join the WWU Chi Alpha meetings. I love this because the university campus is a unique 'reverse' mission field... they come from all over the world to study here. It's an incredible opportunity to be hospitable.



Fun with nectarines at our house!

At CWU, I (Becky) partner with someone in the international office to find temporary lodging for students when they first arrive in America. Last month, I was able to help 4 foreign students find places to live. One of those, Kwame, who is from Ghana (Africa), crashed at our house for a few days (*photo at left, he's in the center*). He was very sweet and called me "Auntie Becky." It was delightful to meet him, show him around, and introduce him to the Chi Alpha house guys.

A week later, I helped Kwame connect with a friend who was selling furniture. As we talked about the cooler weather (and winter is coming!), it dawned on me that Kwame was saying it was cold INSIDE his apartment. I told him what a thermostat was, and helped him find it on his wall. I'm guessing they don't heat their homes in Ghana! Kwame thanked me for saving them from freezing to death :) **Please pray international students like him are introduced to Jesus.**



Packed with students at WSU/UI fall breakaway



Fall Retreats underway

Getting away for a weekend with our students is an important rhythm in a campus ministry. At the beginning of the year, we work to reach out and include many new students into our community. Often at Fall Retreat something shifts: Christian and non-Christians are loved and become part of a Christian family.

Dan was the speaker for the combined Univ. of Idaho and WSU fall retreat in September. He preached through the book of Jonah, on the subject of *Listening to God, Repentance, God's heart for others, and Setting God's priorities over our own comfort*. These were such great topics for everyone to pray to God about! Students were responsive to the Holy Spirit, very inquisitive, and fun to spend time with.

The quarter-schools (WWU, CWU, Bellevue, etc) will be having their own Fall retreats soon. We love what God does in this time. **Please pray for salvations, baptisms, and healing testimonies at our retreats!**



Welcome week table at WSU

Future update from Dan & Becky

We've got some news — starting in two (2) years, Dan & I will step into an expanded role with the national Chi Alpha team. Dan will take the role the Field Director, who oversees the eight Chi Alpha regions in the U.S.A., and my specifics are coming soon. In many ways, our ministry will be similar to what we do here in the Northwest. But our goal is to help grow strong campus ministries all across the country!

This also means we'll eventually relocate to the headquarters in Missouri. So we'll plan to write more in coming months. Over the next two years (until fall 2026) our goal is to raise up leaders in our place. We also have a high priority to help Hannah and Caleb launch into adult life. By then, Caleb will have been out of high school for a year, and Hannah will start her senior year of college. We're feeling growing excitement for what God has planned. And some mixed feelings about a transition! We trust him to sustain each local campus ministry we've invested in, and to expand the mission even more.



Sharing about Chi Alpha in Woodland

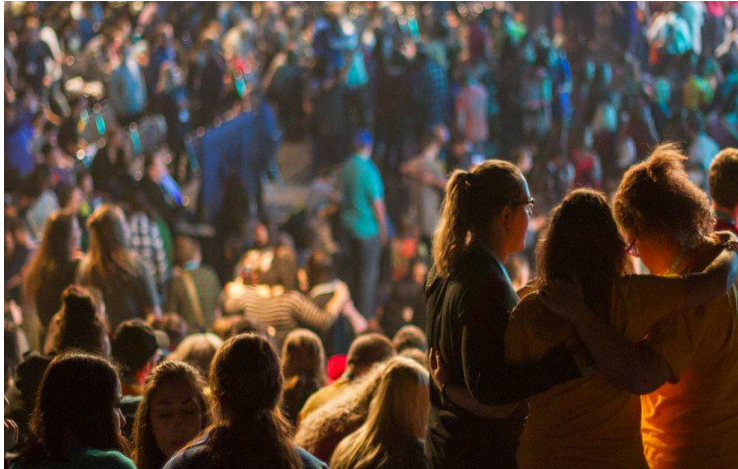


(Kids love talking to us at churches!!)



Quick Support update

We're getting closer to the goal of raising Becky's full time salary! It has been a joy to connect again with some of you this summer. Right now we have just \$549 per month left to raise. We're on the road quite a bit this fall. **Please pray for us to raise the remainder of our new budget before December.**



Pray for students at SALT!

We are planning a historic gathering this January called Pacific Coast SALT. It will draw Chi Alpha students from up and down the west coast: Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, and Hawaii.

You might recall that SALT is our regional student retreat that happens annually. But this is a special event! Pacific Coast SALT will be down in Santa Cruz from January 17–20. I attached a snapshot from our website on the next page.

Our goal at SALT is threefold: #1 Soak in God's presence. **#2 Discover** God's heart for lost people around the world. **#3 Call** students to find ways to serve the Lord with their skills when they graduate. To this end, we are bringing 70 missionaries from all over the world to spend the weekend with us.

Our leaders anticipate about 800 students at SALT. Dan is helping to plan most of this event. Just imagine young people surrounded by powerful testimonies and the Holy Spirit moving in each session. Jesus once said, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray for workers for the harvest."* And that's what we pray for!



Family updates

We had a fun time of backpacking on the Washington coast with our kids and two of their friends in August. The Olympic National Park includes a stretch of coastline that has no road access, called the Wilderness Coast. We hiked 2 miles through the forest to get to the beach, and another 2 miles along the beach to our camp. It was beautiful, a mix of fog and sun... and so peaceful!

Hannah is now back at WWU. She's having a great start to her sophomore year, and is still deciding what she's going to major in. She is hugely blessed to have two Christian roommates this year — an answer to prayer!

And Caleb is in his final year of high school. He's taking a mixture of homeschool and 1-credit classes like PE at the CWU campus to finish things up. Like usual, his robotics team is getting ramped up for its last year (and a run at the world championship — we'll see!).

Dan & Becky



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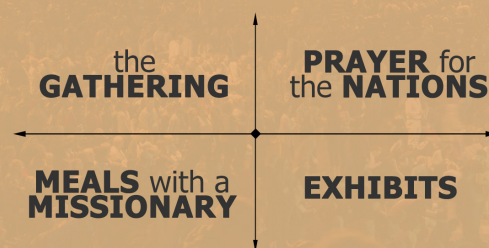
Thank you, team,
for your ongoing
prayer as students
encounter Jesus'
direction for their
lives. Keep it up!



SALT is a strategic gathering of college and university students
to soak in God's presence and seek his direction for our lives.

For students in the western USA, Alaska, and Hawaii.
Jan 17-20, 2025.

We are providing a carpool for students from San Jose
to the camp — stand by for details!



FRIDAY
3:00 check-ins
7:30 Gathering

SAT & SUN
9:30 Gathering
11:30 breakout #1
2:00 breakout #2
7:30 Gathering

MONDAY
10:00 check-out

