Dan & Becky Guenther

Your missionaries to college students in Northwest



First quarter 2025 ministry report!

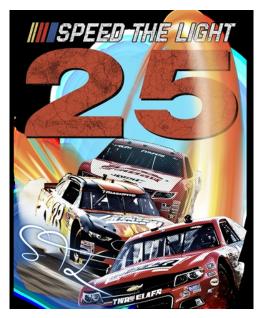
Hello friends and supporters,

We've had a phenomenal season of ministry this year so far. Great signs of revival in students on campus (just read to the end). And we're moving ahead with some great transitions!! Would you join us in prayer?

Where are our new missionaries headed?

At the Intern Retreat back in November, we gave many hours helping our "missionaries in training" seek God's direction for their lives. It's been a solid year of character growth, gaining skills for ministry, doing evangelism, and studying the Bible. Now they're launching — here are some of their new directions.

- Evan Brown will be reaching international students in our growing group at Whatcom Comm. College.
- **Tony Corragio** is joining an organization that aims to plant the Church in urban apartments (Tacoma).
- **Sarah Epps** (University of Idaho), **Bella Galbiata** (WWU), and **Shedric Afable** (WWU) will continue their training in campus ministry for a second year that's a great step which will deepen their capacity.
- Cailey Peretti will be a Chi Alpha missionary to WWU. (She's an excellent worship leader, too!)
- Connor Cunningham is launching out to be a youth pastor near Seattle.
- DJ and Kennedy Nokes will be Chi Alpha missionaries to CWU, joining the long-term staff.
- **Several others** are headed to the marketplace, or still praying about where God is directing them.

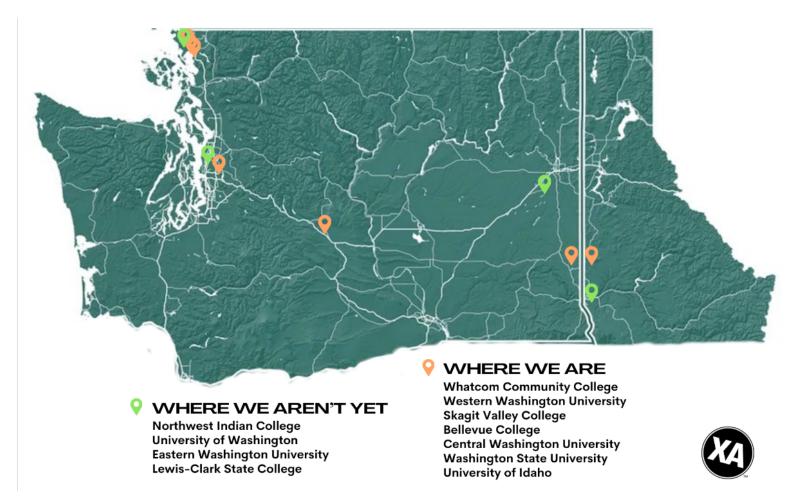


Speed the Light: our project goal

Becky and I are grateful to be scheduled for a new *Speed the Light* car in 2025. *STL* is an Assemblies of God program which raises funds to help missionaries "speed the gospel" to the nations. Most of you know we travel several times a month as we serve students and Chi Alpha leaders. We normally drive our big family vehicle (2006 Honda Pilot), especially when we visit campuses further away or carry event gear.

Are you interested in helping? You can! Churches and individuals are able to join the effort for this project. STL will provide the funds for us to upgrade to a newer and smaller (more gas-conscious) vehicle.

- 1. Give on the website at https://nwministry.com/ministries/youth/speed-the-light. Just type our ID #261365 in the comment box.
- 2. Or send checks to "Pacific NW Chi Alpha" at our address below.





Excited for new leadership, new campuses

There are many colleges where we want to see a Christian community planted on campus. Thousands of students who need Jesus. The map above shows the four-year campuses where Chi Alpha is currently, and those where we aren't.

Good news — we recently approved a couple from Bellingham to lead our ministries in Washington and N. Idaho: **Geoff & Jessica Mumley.** They have a growing vision to plant Chi Alpha groups on unreached campuses. In fact, a good number of Chi Alpha interns come from their ministry at WWU. (That's where our daughter, Hannah is involved). So they are the right folks at the right time.

Please pray for their leadership! Geoff is currently serving as WWU Chi Alpha Director. He will continue to do so part-time while co-leading our district with Jessica. And Jessica is currently serving with me (Dan) as the Northwest district director. She will continue doing so with excellence.

More good news — we also recently approved a leader to oversee the entire Pacific Northwest: **Jonathan Lytle**. That includes Alaska and Oregon.

Please pray for his leadership! Back in 2013 when I (Dan) became the Area Director, we didn't have active ministries in Alaska or Oregon. A lot has grown in the last 12 years! Please be praying for more of the same.

Vision for the road ahead

In 2025, Becky & I are slowly increasing our service to Chi Alpha ministries across the country. Please read our two previous newsletters at <u>danbecky.net/newsletter</u>. It's 16 months before our missionary assignment fully goes national... but with Jesus' help we are preparing steadily. We'd love to let you in on the process!

Growing current roles

- This year Becky is coaching Chi Alpha leaders as far away as Texas, Tennessee, Alaska and Oregon. These are virtual Zoom meetings, of course. Her heart is growing to help and pastor young ministers and their families... in every way that keeps them serving Jesus on campus. She focuses on financial support, personal encouragement, and help with moms in ministry.
- Dan is overseeing the search for our new Chi Alpha Regional Directors. There are 11 regions across the country. Our goal is to provide more personal AND pastoral oversight to each Chi Alpha missionary. In fact, regional directors fill the gaps and cast vision until a healthy Chi Alpha program has developed in each part of the country. Dan will be overseeing this team of eleven leaders (including Jonathan above).

Increasing future presence

In 2026 we'll start traveling to different parts of the country, either driving or flying. We hold a high value for caring for missionaries where they live (not just online!), and seeing students on campus. This effort will involve many miles in the next few years. (We're raising about \$1000/month for increased travel).

Focus on our team

This is the year we want to see you! Our goal is to connect with everyone on our team. Whether in person or on Zoom (or just on the phone), we look forward to connecting about what God is doing.





Students loving and serving Jesus

Geoff Mumley (WWU ministry leader) writes:

As Jesus was training his disciples, he frequently sent them out on mission and [they] would report what happened. Well, that's what we did this Spring Break! We "catapulted" four mission trips to Indonesia, Simon Fraser University in Canada, WSU in Pullman, and University of North Texas in Dallas.

... Even for Jesus' disciples, those short mission trips were designed to help them see themselves as "sent ones" for the rest of their lives. The reality is, campus ministry is like a missionary catapult! We get to spend two to four years helping our students see themselves as "sent ones" for the rest of their lives.

Recently Becky & I brought a large "family tree" to the CWU Chi Alpha meeting. It shows 16 generations of students, each person discipling the next. It includes many who came to know Jesus on campus, and many who went into ministry. This discipleship tree spans 50 years of time.

Brandon (center-right) came to know Jesus last year at CWU. Now he's taking Discipleship Class and is growing like crazy. He's one of my spiritual descendants on the tree!



Commissioning students

We thought you'd love to see a concluding moment from our SALT Conference back in January. We commissioned 850 students with the charge to preach the Word and take the Gospel to the nations. Please pray regularly for our students! They are the future church, and precious to God.



Called and trained

Becky: We trained 9 Chi Alpha interns at our annual regional support training in Ellensburg. I'm one of three trainers, and it's a joy to meet the incoming interns each year. These are college graduates who are saying YES to a year of training in campus ministry and missions.

What an incredible experience to hear the stories of young people responding to God's call. Be praying for Olivia, Deah, Alex, Shedric, Sarah, Sara, Mikyla, Keala and Bethany as they set out to serve God!



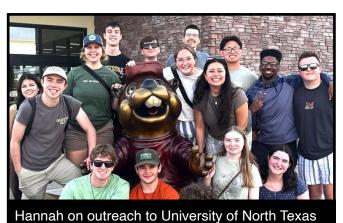
Family update!

Becky: Dan and I are currently in Dallas, TX with Caleb and his robotics team. This is their final trip to the VEX World Robotics Competition, as the boys are graduating!

We are so thankful for the incredible friendships between the boys (7 years working together) and proud of their dedication to excellence in this program. Caleb is opting to dive straight into programming — he is looking for a job that will lead to a software development career.

Hannah is thriving as a sophomore at WWU. She participated in another spring break outreach trip in March, stretching herself and putting herself in places where she needs God to show up!

This fall Hannah will be entering the Environmental Science program, and still hopes to squeeze in some art classes. She'll be home for the summer and volunteering with Mid-Columbia Fisheries, which works on stream restoration in our region.



We couldn't do this without you! Blessings,