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EDITORIAL

BY E. SCOTT MARTIN

Reconciling students to Christ, transforming the university, the marketplace, and the world. Chi Alpha's abbreviated mission statement sounds compelling, but pragmatically is it possible? That was the question Crystal and I posed twenty-one years ago when we assumed the role as missions specialists for National Chi Alpha. We believed it was possible and that The World Missions Summit, a joint collaboration with Assemblies of God World Missions, would be a key component to seeing this happen.

A brief review of missions history will reveal university students played pivotal roles in the development of what we know as modern missions. Historian J. Edwin Orr reports that in the early 1800s, a student awakening began on the campuses of Amherst, Dartmouth, Princeton, Williams, and Yale where up to half the students turned to Christ. In 1806 at Williams College in Massachusetts, a prayer meeting of five college students toward foreign missions would lead to the foundation of missions boards that would be the sending agencies of missionaries around the world. University students led the way to the nations.

In May 2016, the Lord spoke prophetically through multiple credible sources that we were about to witness the greatest student awakening in history and The World Missions Summit 4 would be a precursor to this great awakening. Following years of prayer, preparation and faith, we are embarking on a moment of significant spiritual history as over 6,064 people attended TWMS4, 1,873 committed to give a year and pray about a lifetime to missions and more than 3,000 joined the AGWM pipeline.

This isn't a reflection of the Millennial Generation, rather, this is a reflection of the discipleship of Chi Alpha to Millennials. The greatest student awakening in history is in the nascent stages!

Extending His Kingdom,

E. Scott Martin, National Senior Director

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MEAL WITH A MISSIONARY

BY CRAIG & APRIL WOODHAM

One of the highlights of each of the first three World Missions Summits was Meal with a Missionary, and this Summit was no different. The goal is to utilize the four meal times at TWMS for students and missionaries to have meaningful connection and discussion. For many students, this was the first time they had ever had a personal conversation with a world missionary. At each meal, a different missionary from a different part of the world would join students at their assigned table.

Lynn Diaz, Director of Health Care Ministries, was particularly fond of her experience at Meal with a Missionary. "The students I ate with were eager to engage with me. They wanted to know about me personally, my ministry, and the nitty-gritty of life as a missionary. They prayed for me, and one student later joined my monthly financial support team. I felt like a real connection was made both ways.

At one meal, students asked Lynn if what they



were studying at a secular university could be useful in missions. One by one she went around the table sharing examples of where and how each one's skills and education could be used for God's mission around the world.

If you imagine Lynn's story happening around more than 500 tables across a giant convention hall, you'll understand why Meal with a Missionary is such a key component of The World Missions Summit.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

BY LEAH MUSSACHIO

God calls us all to prayer. That theme was one that was effectively emphasized during The World Missions Summit 4. The greatest lie the enemy wants us to believe is that our prayers are pointless. But James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective," (NIV). Even one of the Summit speakers, Renay West, said, "Prayer releases power and the miraculous."

At TWMS4, a room was set up like a prayer tent where students could come intercede. During the entirety of the conference, we prayed for every single country on earth, International Ministry, and Chi Alpha group. On average about 125 people were in the prayer room at each of the eight sessions.

In the prayer tent were sections where students could write prophetic words, and sixty-five were spoken over specific nations, Chi Alpha groups, and people. My hope and prayer is that even after the Summit, the students use the journal



and calendar they were given to pray for the nations because of the burden placed on their hearts for the world.

We also saw many who were delivered, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and called to the nations. We may never know what impact our prayers had on this side of eternity, but I am confident when we get to heaven, we will meet those souls we waged war over in that room.

BRUSHING SHOULDERS AT THE EXHIBITS: AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

BY NICCO MUSACCHIO

The exhibits at The World Missions Summit 4 were an experience many will carry with them for a lifetime. In the vast exhibit hall, each of the seven Assemblies of God World Missions regions offered a larger than life representation of their geographical areas of the world inside individual exhibits, each with a doorway leading to the next. Standing in the central enclosure surrounded by the exhibits, each region's main entry was a glimpse into another reality; stone temples, regal towers, magnificent ruins, historical arches, and colossal doors—enchanting invitations to explore.

As you entered, you could not escape a sense that you had, truly, crossed a border. Inside the exhibits were impressive portrayals of daily life around the globe, with elaborate decorations and authentic displays that brought these immersive cultural experiences to life. In Latin America Caribbean, a full size tin shack was nestled beside a vibrant fruit market, where an electrical post leaned, it's wires reaching overhead to a favela with iron bars over the windows. A fifteen-foot waterfall splashed near the trees and a canoe sat for a photo op by a realistic backdrop of the Amazon River. As your coffee was served in traditional Costa Rican cloth pour overs, you might catch the rhythm of African drums on the wind, beckoning from the neighboring exhibit. In Asia Pacific, Chi Alpha students sat in circles on bamboo mats and experienced a typical moment in outreach to university students around the region. In Europe, a fence guarded a beach where a torn life raft had washed ashore, beside life jackets and clothing and small toys of those who had lost their lives fleeing war.



Part of the AGWM exhibit



Students with their TWMS4 messenger bags



Praying together in an exhibit



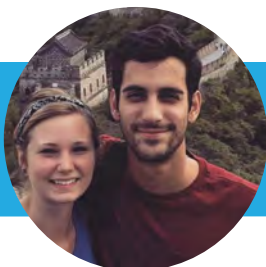
Conference goers loved their TWMS4 journals



Chi Alpha exhibit booth

The most moving moments of the exhibit were face to face conversations with the missionaries who had traveled from all over the world to meet and pray with the students in the exhibits. So much was asked and so much was learned. Countless stories of God ordained encounters defined the hours when the exhibits were open. In many instances, bonds formed naturally and connections were made to serve with a missionary, and in many others, students signed up to learn more about existing opportunities to serve.

Brushing shoulders within the crowds of students as they passed, came and went, and came back, there was a palpable sense that the Lord was birthing a burden for global missions in the hearts of a new generation. As a missionary, my experience of the exhibits was humbling. Though the exhibits were unforgettable, it is infinitely harder to describe the honor it was to perhaps brush shoulders with future missionaries on the day they were called. You just had to be there.



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WINDOWS TO THE WORLD

BY MELANIE LYNCH

The Windows to the World component of The World Missions Summit 4 is comprised of about twenty different interactive experiences that open the eyes of conference-goers to a new world of global missions possibilities.

Bustling students clogged the walkways of the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston as they hurried to experience different countries, get in touch with ministries around the globe, and learn how God can use their talents to preach the gospel. Lines snaked down the halls as they awaited their turn in the next rotation. Once they entered, they were never the same.



Experiencing the Holy Spirit



XAir



The Waiting List Film



Pandemic



Unheard

XAair

BY KELLY BROWN

"Final Call. Chi Alpha International Airlines flight number 2-0-1-7 is now boarding!" echoed the gate attendants among more than 6,000 TWMS4 attendees in the concourse. In eight "flights" over two days, 853 "passengers" were welcomed with I am XAi luggage tags aboard a theatrical aircraft equipped with effects to enhance their travel experience.

Eight American and international Chi Alphas encouraged travelers behind a theatrical scrim with how they've seen internationals move forward from friendship to leadership. An XAi captain gave a four-part challenge to cross-culturally experience the nations, encounter Jesus and His heart for the nations, encourage the nations in discipleship, and empower the nations as leaders now.

This generation is ready to welcome, love, and disciple international students as seen in the unprecedented attendance and response!

PANDEMIC

BY JENNIFER SCHIEFER

Upon arriving in Houston, students learned of a highly contagious virus. Soldiers escorted them to a CDC triage station, nurses diagnosed exposure, and hazmat suited specialists ushered them through decontamination. The fortunate had been exposed to a dead strain. Others were infected, but treatable. A third group carried a fatal, but non-transmittable virus. Those in most dire condition were untreatable, terminal, and highly contagious. For them there was no hope.

Then the twist! The unstoppable Pandemic virus was the Gospel. This contemporary retelling of the Parable of the Sower challenged participants to consider the depth of the Gospel's impact in their lives. Of the 1,600 students who participated in Pandemic, 255 decided to intern for a year.

UNHEARD

BY BELKIS LEHMANN

The racial divide in the U.S. seems to be growing, not decreasing. How can the people of God on campus help bridge this gap? The first step in loving is knowing. This was the purpose of Chi Alpha Diversity's Window to the World at The World Missions Summit 4. We wanted to create a space for staff and students to be challenged to love as Jesus loves.

The Unheard video gave voice to the stories of minority students that often go untold—unheard. Speakers shared four demands of love: listening, humility, hope, and action. We ended praying and sharing in small groups and the response was amazing! There was a beautiful, open atmosphere that was sown in humility and brokenness. Several campuses are hosting Unheard type events on their campuses. This Window to the World is helping Chi Alpha forge new roads into healing the racial divide with grace and love.

HIS OVERWHELMING PRESENCE

BY JEFF HARTENSVELD

The World Missions Summit 4 from every aspect was an enormous success. Post Summit many people have asked me why I think it was so powerful. Without hesitation, I tell people the sowed prayers of so many prior to the event made it what it was. People from around the world cumulatively prayed more than two-thousand hours and fasted weekly for this World Missions Summit. Every aspect of the Summit was covered from the Meal with a Missionary, to the Windows to the World, the gatherings, the exhibit hall, and all the way to the prayer room.



As the Summit approached, we prayed for every attendee by name on Fridays during our two-hour prayer meeting specifically dedicated to the Summit. We made sure we said their names out loud before the presence of God. I shared this with one student at Meal with a Missionary who was seemingly blown away by this fact. I believe this deep commitment to prayer created an open heaven over the George R. Brown Convention Center.



Chi Alpha Alumni Jackie Garibay and Nii Abrahams were the hosts for the gathering services

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This open heaven was especially felt during the gatherings. No one on stage was famous or professional in nature: The speakers weren't the traditional big conference speakers and the worship team, made up of U.S. and World missionaries, was playing together as a band for the first time. What made the difference was the outstanding presence of the Holy Spirit in all of it.

The last night, I coordinated a lot of the moving pieces of the Summit and was the concluding gathering's speaker. As a result, I was backstage with the production team the morning of the last day. I told the team I would be back later that night to go over my message and get the sound check. I walked back out into the arena and was followed by one of the audio-video team members. He stopped me and asked if I would speak with him. Thinking he wanted to discuss my message and the sound check, I immediately said I would be back later that afternoon.



Students taking communion together at the opening gathering



Two attendees worship as fellow students answer to the call to give a year and pray about a lifetime

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