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THE GREAT STUDENT AWAKENING IS HERE!

In 1790 the new United States of America won the Revolutionary War and its independence, however, in the process it had also given something up. Immorality was rampant in the new country. Stealing, cheating, infidelity, and drunkenness were commonplace. University students were leading the way in the pace of sin at this time. Polls taken on the nation's universities revealed few to no Christians on the campuses (at least few willing to admit it) and blasphemous acts were committed openly on the universities.

In 1806 on Williams College a small group of five university students met secretly twice a week to intercede for their campus and fellow students. On a hot August afternoon, they gathered together for their time of prayer, and being caught in a thunderstorm, they ran for cover and ended up taking shelter in a storage of hay. As they continued their prayer meeting, freshman Samuel Mills began to lead the discussion and pray towards the topic of the lost around the world. He contended that it would be impossible for the masses to hear of Jesus unless university students were willing to lay down their ambitions and go to the nations. At that prayer meeting those five students committed their lives to the foreign mission field and they all went. A spiritual awakening was birthed.

The result of this awakening was deliberate foreign missions rising out of the new U.S.A. and thousands of students repenting of their sin, making restitution for their sin and rising with missionary fervor. Prophetic

voices led the way in this awakening and the supernatural manifestation of the Lord was evident.

There is a difference between a revival and an awakening. Revival tends to be within the Church, although it can reach out. An awakening extends far beyond the Church impacting the lost as well as culture.

In May 2016, the Lord spoke prophetically through multiple credible sources that we were about to witness the greatest student awakening in history! He declared it would be an awakening of Kingdom courage, Kingdom abandonment, Kingdom power, Kingdom discipleship and Kingdom covering. This awakening is not just a Chi Alpha awakening; it extends to all campus ministries and is a global awakening. We are in the nascent stages of this great awakening on campus right now. This fall we have observed record numbers of students coming to our kick off events as well as record numbers of students attending Chi Alpha. I have heard similar reports from other campus ministries.

I believe we are about to witness an unprecedented move of God through students on universities across the globe and that we will see a significant increase in students coming to Christ.

Would you pray with me that our Chi Alpha missionaries would walk in discernment and wisdom in stewarding this awakening?

Extending His Kingdom,

E. Scott Martin, National Senior Director

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HISTORIC STUDENT AWAKENINGS

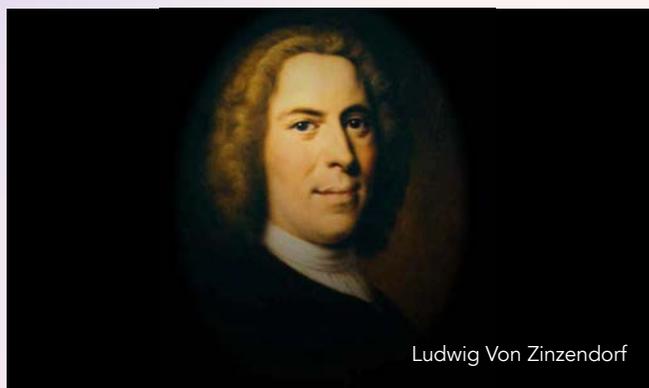
BY NATHAN COLE

Awakening is not a new and novel idea. Throughout history there have been Spirit-led seasons of prodigious kingdom expansion that can only be explained in retrospect by sovereign moves of God. These movements were not orchestrated by feeble attempts of men to stir up religious fervor or grow any single organization; these movements superseded the scope of any one group in influence and expansion to fulfill an urgent need in the heart of God for rapid kingdom growth.

From the days of Jonah hesitantly ushering in a city-wide awakening in Nineveh to the birth of the first century church in Acts, there are distinct historical moments in which heaven and earth collide for a cataclysmic coming of the kingdom of God to fulfill heaven's agenda for a generation.

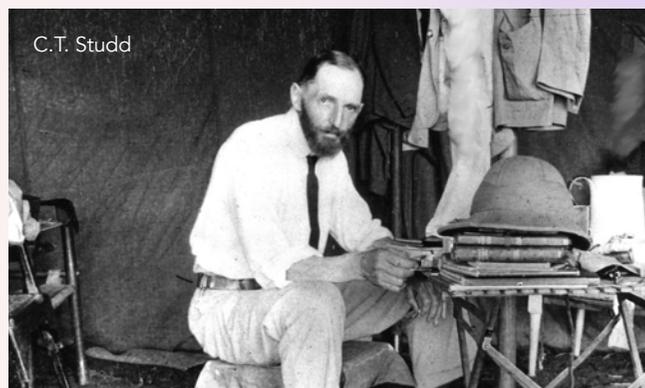
**SALVATION IS PERSONAL.
REVIVAL IS FAMILY.
AWAKENING IS GENERATIONAL.**

From the eighteenth century onward, students have often been at the center of historic awakenings. In the early 1700s twenty-something Ludwig Von Zinzendorf started a twenty-four hour prayer vigil that spanned an entire century and led to the pioneering of an unprecedented missions movement.



Samuel Mills and the Haystack Five famously gathered on a rainy afternoon in August 1806 to pray for the unreached, which led to a nationwide student awakening and the spawning of the first six missions agencies from North America.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, C.T. Studd and six other Cambridge students gave up their prominence and position to thrust their lives into foreign missionary service and mobilization of their peers. By the turn of the 20th century, their recruitment efforts and inspiring sacrifices for China had multiplied into an unthinkable eight hundred missionaries, which represented one third of the protestant missionary force at that time!



History shows this was only the beginning of another student awakening that culminated in over 100,000 students committing themselves to the evangelization of the world through what became known as the Student Volunteer Movement. Over the course of four decades 20,000 of these students actually went overseas with the remaining 80,000 staying behind to generously support this student awakening.

On the next page, you will find excerpts from a speech originally delivered in 1898 by the Chairman of the Student Volunteer Movement, John R. Mott. Take notice of these timeless truths that are just as relevant today as we contend for another student awakening in our generation.



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A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN A UNIVERSITY

Excerpts from Dr. John Mott's Address Delivered at the World's Student Christian Federation Conference in Eisenach, Germany, 1898.

What are we to understand by a "Spiritual Awakening" in a university?

It means such a work of the spirit of God as shall not only promote a more abundant spiritual life among students who are true disciples of Christ, but especially such a work as shall result in leading other students to accept and confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

There is an urgent need of a spiritual awakening in the universities of every land.

Think of the large number of students in [your] own country who do not know Christ as their personal Savior. Let us remember how many Christian students there are who, by inconsistent and sinful lives and practices, are trailing the banner of Christ in the dust. Let us reflect on the intense spirit of worldliness which is in so many places is invading the Church. Think also of the ingenuity, activity, and aggressiveness of the forces of evil which are seeking to ruin students, especially impurity, intemperance, materialism, and Christless science and philosophy which are on all sides doing infinite harm. Then see how comparatively few students there are who are really concerned about the spiritual welfare of their fellow students. Let us not forget the terrible consequences which will follow if these students are not reached for Christ --- the consequences not only to themselves, but also to the cause of Christ, and event to ourselves if we do not seek to win them.

As we ponder all these facts deeply and prayerfully, are we not impressed with the great need of a spiritual awakening?

1. The far-reaching influence that students are to exert in the world should spur us on to win them.
2. In winning students, we are dealing not with addition but with multiplication.
3. Students are more open to the claims of Christ than any other class of young men (and women).
4. If our fellow students are not won for Christ before they leave the university, the probabilities are great that they will not accept Him in later life.
5. Many of the students who most need Christ will not go near churches.
6. Another powerful incentive for us should be the spiritual awakening among students in other universities and in other parts of the world or, it may be, in our own university at different times in the past and present.

A closing word. Every person who is in touch with the living Christ in under obligation to promote a spiritual awakening. How much greater is the responsibility which rests upon all of us who, in the providence of God, occupy positions of leadership in the work among students? If the Christian Associations and movements which we represent are to be deeply spiritual. The stream will not and cannot rise above the fountain. If we fail to do our duty, I tremble to think of the consequences. On the other hand, if each man here is true to his opportunities, the results will be of far-reaching significance and of incalculable importance.

As we think of the awful need of spiritual awakening among the students of the lands we represent; as we feel the incentives moving us to desire such an awakening; as we recall the mighty means which God has so greatly used in promoting awakenings and which He has placed at our disposal, let each of us ask himself and honestly answer these three questions:

IS IT THE WILL OF GOD THAT THERE BE A DEEPER AND MORE WIDESPREAD SPIRITUAL WORK AMONG THE STUDENTS OF THE COUNTRY WHICH I REPRESENT?

IF SO, WHERE SHALL IT BEGIN?

AND WHEN?

A Spiritual Awakening in a University. Edited and made available by Asia Pacific Campus Challenge 1997, 3-7. Excerpts from Dr. John Mott's address delivered at the World's Student Christian Federation Conference, Eisenach, Germany, 1898. Address and papers of John R. Mott, Vol. 2, The World's Student Christian Federation, The International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), 1947, 524-532.

THE GREAT STUDENT AWAKENING: '16-'17 STATISTICS

God is moving on the local campus in a powerful way! During 2016-2017 we saw over 27,262 students come through the doors of our 316 local Chi Alpha groups. We are reaching students from all over! In fact, more than 60% of our students are from a non-Assemblies of God background.

We are so thankful for the deepening of our students' faith in Christ that takes place through the 1,937 small groups that regularly met and how God is using them to transform the university, the marketplace, and the world!



27,262
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

1,417
WATER BAPTISMS

1,455
HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISMS

Chi Alpha exists to "Reconcile Students to Christ," and we are seeing that happen exponentially! We are seeing God do powerful things in our students all across the country. During 2016-2017 alone, we have seen 3,374 students give their lives to Him. Of course, we believe it doesn't stop there. This is just the beginning of their journey with Christ!

We focus on discipleship just as much as evangelism so students become devoted followers who are able to boldly declare Christ on their campus. This is the very reason we have seen 1,417 students publicly declare they are followers by water baptism. Additionally, there have been 1,485 students that have been baptized in the Holy Spirit!

We can't deny that God has plans for our students. He is working both through our natural means, but also by supernatural means as well. In 2016-2017, 593 students were healed of physical conditions, everything from knee injuries to blindness. Thank God for His faithfulness!



3,374
SALVATIONS

In January 2017, we hosted The World Missions Summit 4 (TWMS4). God moved mightily on the 6,064 students and staff that gathered in Houston, Texas. As a result, over 3,000 students engaged in the AGWM Pipeline to get involved in missions around the world!

During the second evening Gathering service, our very own Senior National Director, E. Scott Martin, along with his wife, Crystal Martin, the Cross-Cultural Missions Director, challenged students to consider giving a year and praying about a lifetime in missions. There were 1,876 students who made this commitment to become Give-A-Years!

As a result of this Great Awakening and the impact of TWMS4, we have seen an exponential growth in our Expeditions missions trips last spring and summer! There were 346 teams that participated in missions trips and more than 3,654 students were part of those teams! We can't wait to see the fruit in Heaven from the impact that these trips had.

Statistics are from the annual census as of 2016-2017. The above numbers given are estimated based on the average calculated using the 203 that were submitted.



1,876
COMMITTED TO GIVE A YEAR TO MISSIONS

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Pray:

Pray for the great student awakening.

Pray for our Chi Alpha missionaries
that they would walk in discernment
and wisdom in stewarding this awakening.

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missionary through financial giving:
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