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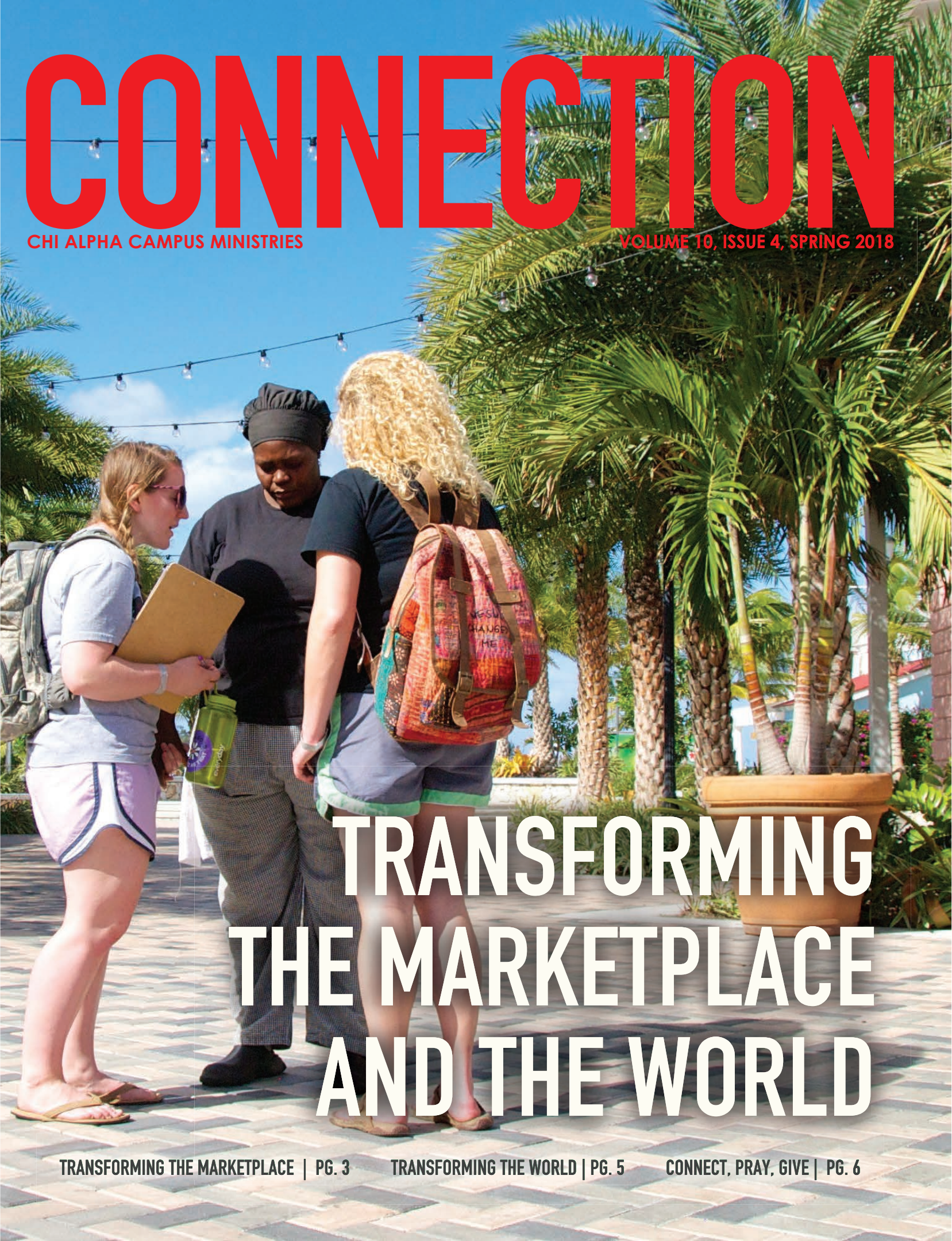

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EDITORIAL

BY E. SCOTT MARTIN

CHI ALPHA IS A STRATEGIC AVENUE FOR TRANSFORMATION OF THE MARKETPLACE AND THE WORLD

I will continue to aver that the secular university is the most strategic mission field in the world. Where else in a single, centralized venue do we find every religion, race, creed, and culture represented 365 days a year and we as the Church have the opportunity to feely be there and share, other than the secular university? But what makes the secular university student so strategic to disciple? They will lead the way of discovery to advance the nations, development of the nations and missions to the nations.

The majority of Chi Alpha alumni after they give a year back to missions will eventually enter the marketplace. As Chi Alpha alumni enter the work force, they take with them the ministry skills and discipleship models they learned through Chi Alpha while on campus. As doctors, engineers, attorneys, teachers, civil servants, etc., we have found our Chi Alpha alumni rise to high levels of influence and leadership within their fields of expertise. While surrendering their influence to the Holy Spirit, their potential to see transformation in our schools, our government and all levels of influence in the marketplace is significant. Their intentionality in sharing the gospel in all spheres of their influence is growing the Church.

Chi Alpha alumni are contributing significantly in many local church settings. Chi Alpha's student missions motto, every student goes, every student gives, every student prays, every student welcomes carries with our alumni throughout life. As these alumni enter the local church we are observing them giving sacrificially to the endeavors of the local church and missions, serving on church boards and investing their time and ministry skills in the local church ministries. If you are a pastor, you want Chi Alpha alumni in your church.

If there is any destiny of choice for international students to study, it will be on the campuses of the United States of America. As international students are led to Jesus on campus and disciple, the potential they possess to take the gospel to the ends of the earth is unparalleled. These students who come to the U.S.A. to study are the top scholars of their nations and will assume positions of leadership and influence in their nations.

Thousands of Chi Alpha alumni are giving a year and praying about a lifetime. And many are committing with Assemblies of God World Missions to a lifetime of missionary service.

As you join us in partnership through prayer and financial missions support you share integrally in the fruit that we are experiencing. We are thankful for each of you and extend our heartfelt gratitude.

Extending His Kingdom,

E. Scott Martin, National Senior Director

E. SCOTT MARTIN is the senior national director of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A. He previously served as the Student Mission Director for 18 years. He has served with Chi Alpha since May 1986, where he pioneered Chi Alpha on The University of Arizona. He and his family along with two great teams of "give a year" Chi Alpha volunteers also pioneered Chi Alpha in Central Eurasia.

NATIONAL CHI ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: TRANSFORMING THE MARKETPLACE

BY JONATHAN SIXTOS

Shortly after I walked onto the campus of Texas State University, I chose the wrong elevator. I walked out into a deserted service hallway in the Student Center and realized I was not in the right place for pizza. After making my way back down to the patio I found the pizza I was after, but it was walking out of the elevator at the top floor of Old Main where I found the community I was after. The group of students in that meeting room became my family for the next two years.

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries has provided a home for college students across the country who have come seeking community, fellowship, and discipleship. I was blessed in my time with Chi Alpha to attend conferences, undertake short-term mission trips, and participate in community outreach. The memories I made during the college years will stay with me for the remainder of my life, and I look back fondly at how God was preparing me for a life of marketplace ministry.

Shortly after graduation, I began my career as a school teacher. I thoroughly enjoy the chance each day to help students grow in academics and prepare for life. Gradually I improved my craft and was nominated for several awards, progressing to state semifinalist for Texas Teacher of the Year in 2016. When surveying how my time in Chi Alpha cultivated skills necessary for success, I am reminded of our motto: transforming the university, the marketplace, and the world.

When I learned a few years ago that a new arm of this ministry was forming, as Chairman of the National Chi Alpha Alumni Association, I have been blessed to connect with former Chi Alphans who are contributing in their respective fields across the country. Our alumni include a host of marketplace missionaries like teachers, engineers, musicians, bankers, and even a notable NFL quarterback. Together we continue to pray over the ministries on our home campuses and near our homes and jobs. Relocating alumni have testified to the familial bond with fellow Chi Alphans from around the nation. We seek to give back to the ministry that helped us develop gifts and talents and solidify God's calling on our lives.

"Connect. Pray. Give." That is the motto of the National Chi Alpha Alumni Association. While many of us may not have the opportunity to travel overseas and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, we go to work every day and live out our faith. Whether we take emails or take the field, enter offices or arenas, we carry the skills and witness sharpened by our time in Chi Alpha. Each day we transform the marketplace by offering our best effort on the job, authentic interactions with coworkers, and covering our friends and coworkers with earnest prayers.

Christ petitioned us to pray for the harvest in Luke chapter 10, and I'm encouraged to know the nation is filling up with Chi Alpha grads who are entering the workforce with a passion for revival. I ask you to join with us as we Connect, Pray, and Give to see the work of Chi Alpha not only influence colleges and universities across America, but to equip young adults to make a difference in their career (mission) field after graduation.

For more information, check out **chialphaalumni.com**.

JONATHAN SIXTOS is a Texas State University-San Marcos Alumnus, Chairman of the National Chi Alpha Alumni Association, and teaches High School English in Victoria, Texas.

GOING BEYOND THE SUBJECT MATTER

Dorothy Yan graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) with a B.A. in Piano Performance in 2010 and M.A. in Piano Performance and Pedagogy in 2012. She is currently a piano instructor at Musical Arts Center of San Antonio, and an adjunct professor of music at UTSA. Dorothy is also a Chi Alpha Missionary Associate working with graduating students and alumni.

"I joined Chi Alpha as a grad student, so discovering and getting to be a part this rich fellowship of Christians fighting together for our college campus was a breath of fresh air from trying to do it alone in my undergrad years.

We (alumni) do our best to represent Christ well so that the people we are investing in will have a personal relationship with Him that defines who they are and not necessarily what they do. It's the same way in teaching; it goes beyond the subject matter. Good teachers teach to the potential of the student in order to equip them with the tools to continue growing in both character and knowledge. As a Christian in the teaching field, we get the incredible privilege to impact attitudes and ideas of the next generation in a very personal and direct way.

Getting to see these alumni navigate well through the highs and lows of the transition is a real testament to the authenticity of what the Lord did in their hearts and lives through Chi Alpha. My hope is to see the foundation that was laid in Chi Alpha become a launching pad for alumni to walk with Jesus for the rest of their lives. I would love to see people fight for a deeper personal relationship with Jesus in order to transform the marketplace for God's Kingdom, commit to and serve a local church, and continue to make disciples."

For the full interview with Dorothy, check out chialphaalumni.com.

AGWM AND CHI ALPHA: PARTNERS IN THE HARVEST

BY GREG MUNDIS

In 1914 the Assemblies of God was formed with the resolve "to do the greatest work of evangelism the world has ever seen." Although the world is a different place today, the Holy Spirit continues to direct our global work. We have been called and mandated to reach the lost, establish churches, train believers, and serve the poor and suffering. How do we best respond to today's challenges and position ourselves toward this goal? We must communicate our unchanging divine directive to the next generation.

Chi Alpha is on the forefront of training the next generation to reach the lost worldwide. For years U.S. Chi Alpha volunteers have partnered effectively with AGWM personnel around the world.

For example, in 2016 a Chi Alpha team from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock arrived in Sri Lanka after massive flooding and landslides devastated the country. Partnering with the local Assemblies of God church, the team brought food to survivors and cleaned flood-affected schools.

The response was phenomenal. The Sri Lankan government invited team members to a prominent Buddhist temple to share stories of truth, encouragement, and most importantly, the love of Christ with flood refugees. The local pastor was astounded at how barriers were broken; the team's simple acts of service had positive effects on his relationship with community leaders and the public's perception of Christians.

AGWM personnel who serve as Chi Alpha leaders have a remarkable impact on university campuses worldwide. University students often have never heard Jesus loves them and wants to be part of their lives—especially in parts of Asia, where gospel access is extremely limited, or in Europe, where religion is frequently spurned as a dead relic. Transformed students are revolutionized by campus ministries, carrying the gospel to their home countries and beyond.

The World Missions Summit is an exciting development in AGWM's partnership with Chi Alpha. The first four conferences attracted enthusiastic participation, with thousands of students stepping forward to commit a year to missions service while praying about lifetime involvement.

Please join me in praying for an ever-widening harvest as AGWM and Chi Alpha together take the gospel to the darkest corners of our world.

As executive director of AGWM, **GREG MUNDIS** provides leadership for 2,778 AG missionaries and associates serving in 255 countries, territories, and provinces. He and his wife Sandie have two children and eight grandchildren.

GET INVOLVED!

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Join the National Chi Alpha Alumni Association text: ***"XAALUMNI"*** to ***95577*** or go to ***chialphaalumni.com***

Pray:

Pray for Chi Alpha Expeditions teams as they share the gospel overseas and locally.

As our seniors prepare for graduation, pray that their impact on the university would carry over to the marketplace and the world!

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