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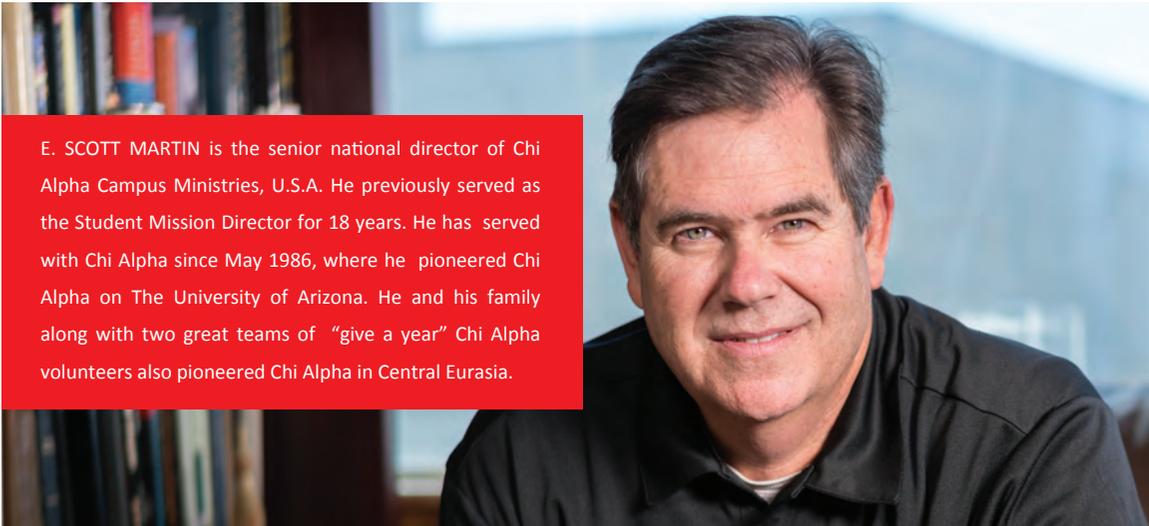
MINISTERING IN HISTORIC TIMES

I have communicated broadly regarding the prophetic word that began to come forward in May 2016, that we were about to witness the greatest student awakening in history. Along with Chi Alpha, Charisma as well as Fox News have reported on the awakening. Part of this prophetic word is that this will be a student awakening of Kingdom power. A review of earlier awakenings in the U.S.A. reveals that they were marked by supernatural manifestations. I anticipate a fresh, supernatural move of God on the secular university and that Chi Alpha will be in the center of it.

We are currently witnessing a move of God accompanied by supernatural manifestation in Chi Alpha. At a recent fall retreat for Central Valley Chi Alpha in California, forty-eight verifiable healings were reported! At the fall retreat for the University of Texas-San Antonio and Texas A&M, more than one hundred students were baptized in water. These are not isolated instances. From the Northeast to the Southwest we are experiencing the Holy Spirit of God moving in significant ways. Virginia Tech University Chi Alpha reports this past semester thirty-one students came to faith in Jesus and at least ten were baptized in the Holy Spirit! This is from a single campus.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is actively preparing for revival and awakening, and they too are experiencing a move of God. Last academic school year, IVCF reported the greatest number of salvations in the ministry's history!

We are ministering in historic times on the secular university. We are in the nascent stages of awaking today on campus. The secular university will not be won to Christ through keen argumentation and adroit planning alone. To reach the secular university requires a supernatural move of God that transcends the natural mind; it requires awakening. Will you please pray with me and Chi Alpha Nation for a continued unprecedented move of God on all campuses this semester and join us on February 28, 2019 for the Collegiate Day of Prayer!



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STUDENTS ARE ENCOUNTERING JESUS

BY JEREMY ANDERSON



Amidst hundreds of testimonies from our local campuses in the Central Valley of California, I'd like to encourage you with some remarkable stories.

A group of Chi Alpha students from the University of California-Merced grabbed dinner at a restaurant and ran into their classmate, Carlos. After asking the Holy Spirit for the opportunity to share the Father's love with Carlos, they shared varying words of knowledge with him and one student shared a personal testimony. Carlos not only received salvation that night but was also baptized in the Holy Spirit!

A group of Chi Alpha students tracked down John noticing he was visibly in pain. After receiving prayer, John's back was completely pain free. He hasn't received Christ yet, but he is a thousand steps closer because of the unbridled expressions of God's kindness.

In October, we had 145 students participate in an incredible weekend that was marked by miracles of His presence. Ten students received salvation and 17 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. But one of the things that was significant about this year's Fall Retreat was how much fun the Father had demonstrating His power

through a total of 48 recorded healings and miracles!

Because students are listening and obeying the Holy Spirit, their peers receive divine healing, become saved through Jesus, and are drawn closer to the good Father who never withholds His love.



Klariisa (left) with some of her Chi Alpha friends.

TESTIMONY: KLARIISA GUZMAN

I grew up in a family that went to church on Sunday but didn't follow the Christian lifestyle. My mother had anger issues and my father drank excessively, so I was a troubled kid. I also drank, took pills, cut, stopped believing in the Lord, and even participated in other religions like Wicca and Islam. Peer pressure made me feel more lost than ever when I graduated high school, so going into college life and being an adult seemed impossible.

On September 21, 2018 my life started to change. Despite having other weekend plans, I felt something tell me to attend the fall

retreat instead. I felt God there, and for the first time in a long time, I began to believe in Him again. I cried trying to convince myself what I was feeling wasn't real and I was nowhere near deserving God's forgiveness and his love.

Growing up, I had trouble with my left ear as my dad liked to play loud music whenever he was drinking too much. My Chi Alpha student family prayed over me and not only did God heal my ear, but He also fully healed my heart. I now walk with God's love and His Word to one day to share it with others.

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A PLACE TO MEET WITH GOD

During my freshmen year in college, I was persuaded to attend my first retreat with Chi Alpha. This retreat provided me with an atmosphere for extended times of worship that allowed me to go deep into loving Jesus and yield to the flow of the Holy Spirit without my daily distractions.

That was many years ago, but the encounter I had then drastically challenged and changed my life forever. It is because of that encounter that makes me a strong advocate to the influence of the retreats and conferences that Chi Alpha offers.



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The dynamics of getting away from one's regular routine and spending it gathered with other believers for extended times of teaching, worship, prayer, and fellowship can more often than not provide an openness to the supernatural work of God in a believer's life and spiritual growth. It is not uncommon to hear students testify how God was able to get their attention, speak to them, and supernaturally transform their lives while at one of these events.

Fall and spring retreats or winter conferences such as SALT provide this environment for genuine encounters with God that forever transform their lives. It definitely did mine and it has given me the passion to see more students have these kinds of experiences in Chi Alpha.

BY GARY PASCHAL

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT:

REBECCA HAAVIK

BY JAY M. WOODWARD

What was it like growing up around Chi Alpha with your parents? They got involved with Chi Alpha when I was young, so I guess you could say I grew up in Chi Alpha. They really believed that our entire family was called to missions and made it possible for us to do ministry together. I spent a lot of time around college students and felt fortunate to grow up around such a fun community!

Describe the impact Chi Alpha had on you as a college student. I met some of my very best friends through Chi Alpha. College was a very formative experience for me in general, and I was exposed to so many new ideas and types of people. I loved it and grew so much as a person. Chi Alpha was a home and community for me as I explored and defined my faith in a new stage of life. I met Jesus so many times through relationships and experiences in small groups, at SALT and at retreats.

What it is like as an alum to be on staff? I am so excited to be working with Chi Alpha. College is an incredibly formative time and helping students find Jesus and invest in their faith is such an exciting



thing to do. I think having been involved with Chi Alpha in college provides a unique perspective and understanding of what life is like for our students at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

What guidance do you have for other alumni who feel called to serve? I would encourage you to do it! I was in a unique position to be able to go on staff with Chi Alpha full-time, but most people aren't able to do that. I would encourage you to

serve in some way. There are Chi Alpha groups all across the country that would love to have an alumnus mentor their students, help with worship, or serve in some other way. Alumni have so much to offer just by sharing their experiences of what life is like after college and what it means to love Jesus in your everyday life at work, grad school, marriage, your family, etc.

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