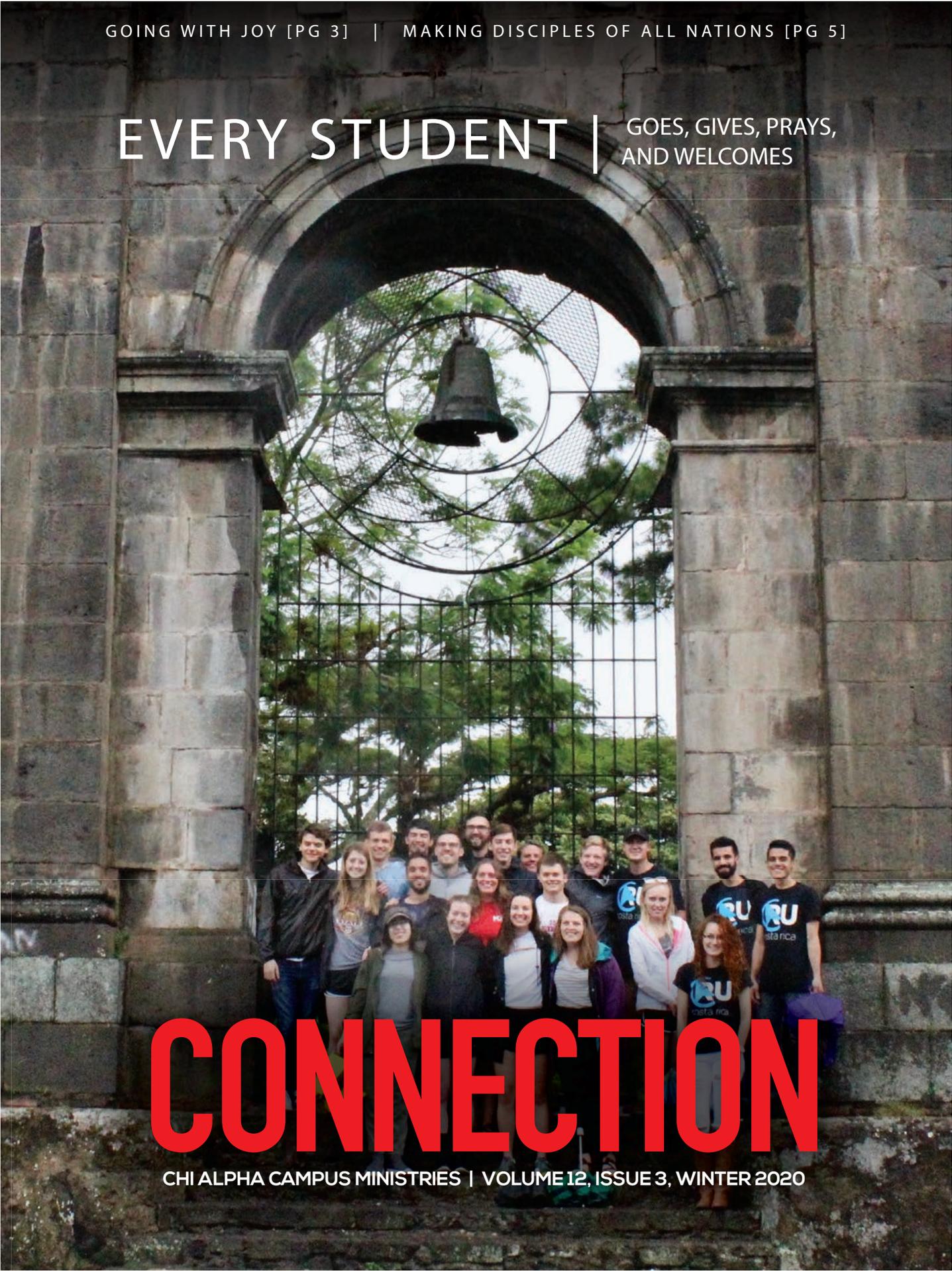


GOING WITH JOY [PG 3] | MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS [PG 5]

EVERY STUDENT | GOES, GIVES, PRAYS,
AND WELCOMES

A group of approximately 20 students is posing for a group photo in front of a large, weathered stone archway. The archway is made of dark grey stone blocks and features a large, ornate metal bell hanging from a circular frame in the center. The background shows lush green trees and a clear sky. The students are dressed in casual attire, and several are wearing black t-shirts with a blue and white logo that includes the letters 'RU' and the words 'Cristiana' and 'Ministerios'.

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EDITOR'S LETTER

GO, GIVE, PRAY, AND WELCOME

We reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-Filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission to transform the university, the marketplace, and the world. This clarion call has served as the marching orders for Chi Alpha since 1993. Taking our mission statement seriously, we had to ask how we could aid this transformation by reconciling students to Christ.

The nearly 22,000 Chi Alpha students represents a potential formidable global missionary force. To change this missionary force from potential to kinetic, Chi Alpha has put forth the challenge in the form of our student missions motto, "every student goes, every student gives, every student prays, every student welcomes." Our desire is that it becomes embedded in the hearts and minds of every Chi Alphan for a lifetime.

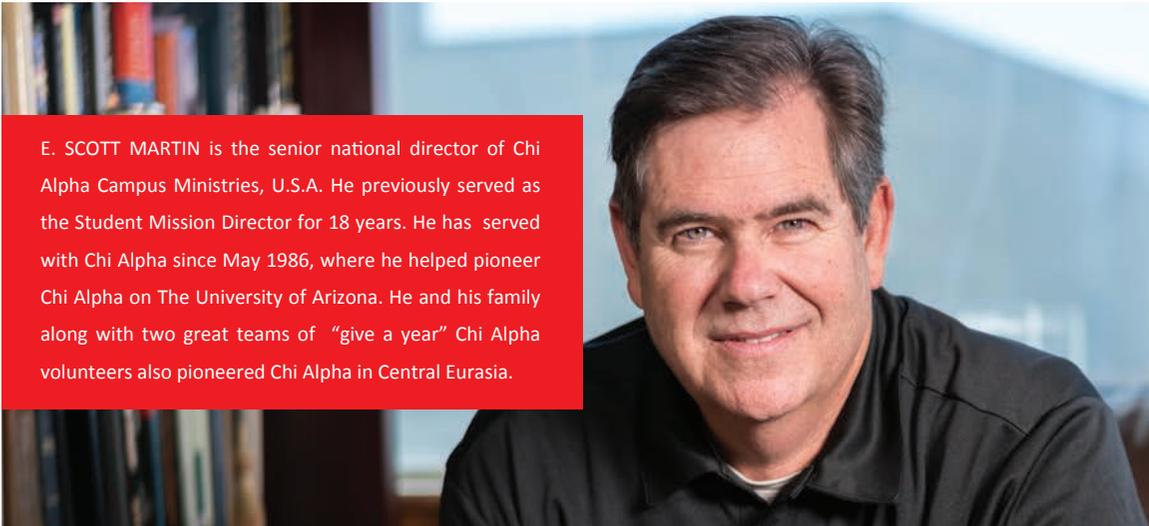
Every student goes: We challenge Chi Alpha students to serve cross-culturally on a mission trip at least once during college. If every student did this, more than five thousand Chi Alphas would serve missionaries in short-term missions each year. We also challenge students to give a year and pray about a lifetime in missions. Students who study abroad may do so strategically through Assemblies of God World Missions partnerships and students are encouraged to devote a year to missions post-graduation.

Every student gives: We teach every student to give sacrificially and deliberately to extend the Kingdom of God around the globe. They are challenged to give to Assemblies of God World Missions and U.S. Missions causes and missionaries. Another avenue students may give through is feedONE, a Convoy of Hope initiative and Chi Alpha's compassion arm. Only \$10 a month feeds a child in need.

Every student prays: We teach every student to pray deliberately and consistently for the nations of the world. Our 10.2 campaign is a great way to join a growing group of pray-ers who have a heart to see an increase in disciple-makers who go, give, pray, and welcome. Simply text "xapray" to 313131 and set a daily reminder on your phone to pray for laborers at 10:02.

Every student welcomes: Over one million international students are studying on our campuses here in the United States. We teach every American student to engage them with the gospel of Jesus through our XAi, or Chi Alpha internationals, ministry on the local campus. We want these students to have a worldwide impact when they return to their home countries eager to share the gospel.

We disciple every student to go, give, pray, and welcome because it is the mandate of Jesus. This mandate is the mission of Chi Alpha.

A portrait of E. Scott Martin, a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing a dark collared shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with bookshelves.

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 helped pioneer 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.

GOING WITH JOY

BY BRIAN HARGETT

Students going on mission is an outcome of healthy discipleship. The primary reason going is an outcome of healthy discipleship is because Spirit-filled disciples are joy-filled disciples (Acts 13:52, Gal 5:22). True joy cannot be contained.

Tim Dearborn, author of *Beyond Duty: A Passion for Christ, A Heart for Mission*, says we shouldn't be motivated by "bad news of sad

problems" because we have experienced "good news of great joy." We are tasked with making disciples who believe in the authority of Scripture and obey its commands so "going" should be normative.

Spirit-filled, joy-filled disciples whose lives have been radically changed by the gospel will go because their hearts resonate with the Psalmist, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!" (Psalm 67:3,4).



GIVING: A REFLECTION OF THE LORD

BY TOM TRASK II

As Christians, we all know we should give in every area of our lives: our time, talents, and treasure. It's not a question of whether or not to give—what matters is the reason why we give.

In 1 Chronicles 29, David understood giving makes an eternal impact, "We are here for only a moment... gone so soon without a trace." David embraced the fact that we are temporary and what lasts are those things that become part of God's omniscience. David gave everything so God would be glorified long after he was gone.

David also understood that giving brings joy, both to the Lord and to the giver. Studies have shown there is a direct connection between generosity and happiness. The medicine for a generation that struggles to be happy can be found in giving.

Our Heavenly Father experiences so much pride and joy in His children when we willingly give because we're becoming who we were created to be: a reflection of Him.

A LIFE OF PRAYER

BY PAUL YORK

The Son of God required constant prayerfulness and intensive times of focused prayer. To be human, according to Jesus' example, is to be a creature who needs to be involved in regular, heartfelt prayer times with God, which helps us to enjoy, value, and glorify Him.

Not only that, but prayer is for our own good as well: we should bring our lives constantly back into sync with the values and mission of God's Kingdom through communication with Him. Even

though God doesn't need our prayers in order to accomplish His will, the beauty of it is that He still wants to include and partner with us in what He is doing!

Chi Alpha students are taught to develop a life of prayer for themselves and for God's glory in their generation. Chi Alpha desires to raise up a generation of prayers warriors who will be instruments of God and line earth up with heaven every day.



WELCOMING THE NATIONS INTO HIS KINGDOM

BY SEVO LWALI

When we become Christians, God welcomes us into His Kingdom and, through Scripture, invites us to duplicate that same welcome to people from all nations.

In the Old Testament, God commanded Israel to reveal to all nations who He was by welcoming the foreigner in their midst.

The New Testament brings into sharp focus the reason we welcome: we have been brought from a place of enmity with God into His family—a welcome provided by God through Jesus Christ.

In Chi Alpha, we are Christ's ambassadors who reconcile those from every nation who were alienated from God through our heavenly welcome.

American college campuses today host about 1.2 million international students, many of whom come from places with little or no access to the gospel or knowledge of Christ. Once you welcome them into this country, they have the potential to turn this world around for God because by welcoming the foreigner, you give them access to what is out of reach for many of them—God Himself!

Making Disciples of All Nations

I had the privilege of serving on a mission team to the Caribbean last spring break. One morning before we headed to the elderly home where we were ministering, a member of our team, Brook, told Luana, another team member, and I about a prophetic word she received the night before that we would minister to a quiet man.

At the home, we met Jeffrey, a man the nurses confirmed had fried vocal cords and also had not walked in about a year and a half. With his permission, we began praying over him. As we prayed, I felt led by the Holy Spirit to pray in faith for Jeffrey's legs to receive strength and to be able to walk. After praying for healing, I asked Jeffrey if he could stand, and he stood and walked! Tears of joy and hope filled Jeffrey's eyes as he hugged the team.

This trip filled me with the power of God, and I feel like God can use me in any and every way.

Pictured from left to right is Bob, Jeffrey, Brook and Luana. Bob, Brook and Luana are students at the University of North Dakota who served on a spring break mission trip to the Caribbean last year.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



Every Tribe, Tongue & Nation

Being a part of Chi Alpha allows me to be culturally enriched as I get to see many different attributes of God's characteristics displayed through His people. It has given me the amazing opportunity to catch a glimpse of what Heaven will look like as I am able to meet students from different cultures and backgrounds. One of these students is Paola, who has and is still impacting my life.

Being an international student from Ecuador, Paola was not taught good view towards Christianity growing up, so she was not interested in finding friends within a Christian organization. But feeling desperate and alone in a new country, Paola decided to give Chi Alpha a chance. She once told me, "Because of that first handshake and smile, I knew that my life was about to change. I knew that I would be able to find a place to call home."

Throughout the years, Paola has not only become someone who I can call a best friend, but she has also become someone who I consider family. Meeting Paola gave me a deeper passion to reach international students in hopes that every tribe, tongue, and nation may know Jesus.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

JOE SHAUGHNESSY



Joe Shaughnessy graduated from Missouri State University (MSU) in Springfield, Missouri in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. During his time at MSU, he was an active part of the Chi Alpha ministry on campus.

Following graduation, Joe began teaching fifth grade at the John Thomas School of Discovery in Nixa, just south of Springfield. The school is specifically geared towards science and hands-on experiential learning. Joe and his students have done many exciting experiments, such as creating chemical reaction cars from scratch!

A lifelong native of the Show-Me State, Joe is married to his college sweetheart and fellow Chi Alpha alumna Mackenzie. He enjoys playing guitar, kayaking, and spending time with friends. Joe shares how Chi Alpha changed his life and made him effective at reaching students in his classroom.

Describe the impact Chi Alpha had on you as a student. No short of life changing. I grew up in a religious household, but in high school I drifted away from that. However, in college I got the opportunity to start anew. During the first weekend of school, I met my future RA who invited me to a couple of Chi Alpha start up week events, including the main worship service. The message Andy Estrella shared spoke to me. I was overtaken with emotion and felt led to go up for the prayer to rededicate my life to Jesus.

After that night, God brought in people who poured into my life. Those people believed in me and instead of correcting me, they connected with me one-on-one. During my college career, I attended discipleship classes and served on the leadership team as a worship leader and small group leader. I went on a total of five mission trips during spring and summer breaks to Milwaukee, Atlanta, and the Dominican Republic.

What are some of the challenges and opportunities that come with your position?

Not only do you have to be a teacher, but you also have to wear many hats. I've had to be a counselor, father figure, mediator, discipline holder, and coach as well. I see teaching as my calling and ministry, and I am able to show the fruits of the Spirit to students.

What advice do you have for Chi Alpha students who are planning on a career in teaching?

Have patience. My first year of teaching was not ideal, and it was tough, but it made me a better teacher and I had to trust in that process. Have fun and try new things, too. When I'm having fun, so are the kids. Lastly, remember the importance of community as shown in Chi Alpha.

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02. PRAY

Pray for God to instill our Go, Give, Pray, and Welcome values in students' lives.

03. GIVE

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