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EDITOR'S LETTER

DISCIPLESHIP: LIFE ON LIFE

A couple years ago I was with a friend looking over the pier in the Port of Hong Kong as the sun set. He queried, "Scott, in one sentence, what does Chi Alpha do?" That was an easy answer for me, "We disciple university students to fulfill their mission in God's global plan." This is how Chi Alpha fulfills its mission of reconciling students to Christ, transforming the university, the marketplace, and the world: through discipleship.

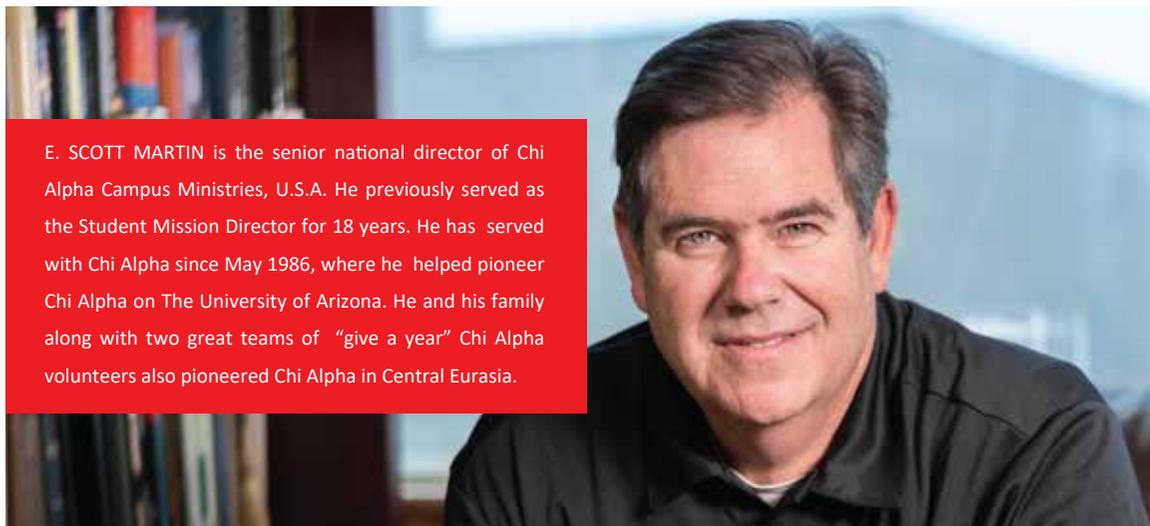
The season of life the university student is in is definitely unique and provides an unequivocal opportunity for discipleship. Students have discretionary time, set their schedules, live together, eat together, play together, and for the most part are unattached. They are seeking meaning and truth. It is a season of life like none other they will experience.

Chi Alpha is a disciple-making community on university and colleges campuses. For Chi Alpha, discipleship is not a program or a course; it is a progressive, deliberate, relational impartation of the kingdom of God into a person's life. We like to say it is "life on life." Chi Alpha doesn't only disciple believers; we disciple pre-Christians as well. For example, we may disciple an agnostic Chinese international student and move them closer to belief in Jesus and hopefully, eventually into relationship with Jesus before they depart for home.

Our goal is to disciple students to fulfill their purpose in God's global plan. This includes instructing students on how to systematically read the Bible daily, how to pray, the power of biblical community, importance of the local church, and our individual responsibility to participate in Jesus' global mission.

Our discipleship results in a percentage of our graduates going overseas in mission as well as over two hundred new Chi Alpha interns this year. These interns become the new generation of pioneers in Chi Alpha, planting the flag of Christ on campuses here in the U.S. and beyond! As they pioneer, the continued cycle of discipleship and advancement of the kingdom of God is carried on; the flag of Christ being planted on more campuses.

Thank you for partnering with Chi Alpha in these historic moments of spiritual awakening on the most strategic mission field in the world, the secular university!



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.

KING OF THE NATIONS

BY PAUL YORK, CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONS TRAINER

In the original language, the main verb of the Great Commission is not “Go.” The word “go” is a supporting verb—something you do to help get the main job done. Instead, the main verb is the command “Make Disciples of All Nations.” Jesus told us to make a personal discipleship bridge to unsaved people from other cultures, and He expects us to actually do it!

The people in our generation who live without any Christian contact don’t need a handout from the Christian world. They need a disciple-maker.

Hussein is a businessman in the Middle East. As he works to feed his family, he quietly wonders about his longing to know God. Allah never wants to know him!

Bimta is a Buddhist in Asia. She tries not to love her little children so much, because she knows love and desire only lead to suffering. She exists stoically, hoping that her painful existence will completely cease one day.

Tomasz is a Czech atheist university student. Outwardly he scorns religious people. He never admits the dissatisfied longing for something more that he feels deep in his heart.



These three just need to know a true Christian. They need someone they can see and talk to who has personal experiences with God. They need to meet the God who interacts with people on ordinary days. They need to see what it looks like to read the Bible and to pray.

Chi Alpha is committed to mobilizing a generation of disciple-makers to work together in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We need to consider living with other people groups, making friends for Jesus, and showing them what it means to know and obey God.

Make Disciples of All Nations!

...in order to do that, Go where you need to go;
Baptize anyone who wants to follow me;
and Teach Obedience to everyone you can.

If you do this, you can know one thing for sure:

I Will Always Be With You—until the very end!

— Jesus, King of the Nations





Chi Alpha students gather together at Sam Houston State University where Austin Mangham attended college.

TESTIMONY: FOLLOWING GOD TO THE NATIONS

BY AUSTIN MANGHAM

My name is Austin Mangham and I am an AGWM missionary to the Netherlands. After a year and a half of running from missions, I yielded to the call of missions at the start of my last semester at Sam Houston State University. It was during my last year at Sam Houston that I became a small group leader and saw God work through me to reach and disciple others. It caused something in my heart to shift. Because of this, when I sat in a missions service and heard in my spirit, "Austin, will you follow Me to the nations?" my answer was yes.

It was through Chi Alpha that I was prepared and able to learn hands-on how to find people and build a small group. Chi Alpha is where I learned how to feed others spiritually through having a true devotional life of my own. Chi Alpha instilled a conviction in me, that cultivating true and deep relationships with others creates a soil bed for planting the seeds of the gospel. I have found these three things crucial for missions work, allowing you to reach and disciple, regardless of a platform or stage to speak.

I am grateful for Chi Alpha and for everyone who has supported and continues to support Chi Alpha!



BY MATT SPRENGER

It was hard to believe that the future of Chi Alpha in the state of Maryland would be determined in a Mexican restaurant in Fairmont, West Virginia, with mariachi music blaring in the background. In fact, it was already decided in the hearts of David and Jessalyn Warder, who were serving as staff at Fairmont State University (FSU) Chi Alpha, after having been students and CMITs there.

“We got to a point, independently in prayer and together in conversation, that we had to go. There was a need and we had to be part of meeting it, whatever that would look like.” When asked to lead a team to pioneer Frostburg State and become our first Chi Alpha missionaries in the state of Maryland in several years, they quickly said yes!



Staff and students of Chi Alpha at FSU had prayed for a decade for God to do something on the nearby campus of Frostburg State, home to over 5,100 students. When God clearly responded with, “Why don’t you do something?” meetings with local pastors, spring break trips, and prayer trips followed.

WE PLANT AND SEND



David and Jessalyn were joined in planting by Jonathan and Cait Mitchell, also former FSU students and CMITs. May marked their first full, but COVID-19 impacted, year on campus. “We’re building a distinct culture and community here, discipling students to deep devotional lives that upon graduation, they’ll be equipped as godly parents, leaders, spouses, church members, and missionaries. We pray that Frostburg State would not only be a mission field, but a training ground for world-changing disciples, seeking God’s glory and His kingdom’s growth throughout Maryland and the world!”

Thank you for partnering with Chi Alpha to see students reached, that students may be called by God and have to go (whether or not mariachi is involved).



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

BEN & MICHAELA STONE



Ben and Michaela Stone both graduated in 2016 from Colorado State University (CSU) with respective bachelor's degrees in civil and chemical engineering. They married immediately after graduation and are currently both employed by Samuel Engineering in Denver. They, along with several of their friends, have partnered with the Urban Islands Project (UIP) to plant a church in the Westwood neighborhood of Denver, where they currently live. In addition to their deep love for discipleship, the Stones both enjoy camping in the wilderness of Colorado. Ben and Michaela share how Chi Alpha prepared them to have a strategic impact in the place where they are living.

Describe the impact Chi Alpha had on you.

Ben: It was special when the older group of college students took me under their wing, loved me well, and challenged me in a lot of ways spiritually.

Michaela: Chi Alpha was the first time that I found friendship that was founded in anything real. As a new Christian coming into college, this community taught me so much about the heart of God.

How did the discipleship process prepare you for your current marketplace roles?

When we realized that true discipleship was not happening much outside of college, we realized that we needed to fight to bring the process that we learned in college into the marketplace and the neighborhood. This is why we, with a group of our friends, decided to choose a people and a place before a profession.

When we were in college, we were given the opportunity to practice discipling other people in a context where we were 24/7 surrounded by people in the same life stage. Although we have had to adapt the model and methods because we are in the marketplace, we are able to use the core values and experience that we learned at CSU and are beginning to use them today in "real life."

How has staying connected with fellow Chi Alpha alumni helped support you in your current life situation?

We get to support each other every day because we have made it a priority to live near each other within the confines of the same Denver neighborhood and

meet in official and unofficial capacities every week. This connection with our Chi Alpha community has helped maintain the passion and vision for discipleship, and it's helped us remember the truth when other voices say otherwise.

Explain what the Urban Islands Project is about.

How did you become involved with it?

UIP saw that as the population of cities was increasing, the presence of the Church was decreasing—and they decided to do something about it. Their dream is to plant a church in every neighborhood in a city that is focused on specifically meeting the needs of that mile by mile block. We became connected through some friends at CSU who told us about Steve Pike (founder of UIP) and his dream to see disciples who make disciples who make disciple makers in Denver. We have a team of 12, most of them Chi Alpha alumni, who are living in the same neighborhood to love God and to love our neighbors and co-workers—together.

For more information on the Urban Islands Project, visit urbanislandsproject.org.

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