

# Here's the Deal

## A BIG Finish



Baptizing students at our final Thursday service. Thank you Christ Family Church for use of your facilities.

The World Cup of soccer is in process right now in South Africa and in some countries business and even schools close for the entire month. All this attention creates an urgency for teams to have a BIG finish. The writer of Hebrews talks about those witnessing our lives which com-

pels us to make a BIG finish.

This year was exciting and finished with a flourish. The first Chi Alpha ministry at Tarrant County College was planted on the Arlington campus. It took off slow in the fall and exploded to 20 regular members in the spring.

UTA Chi Alpha benefited from its partnership with the TCC plant.

The UTA group has grown in overall membership finishing the spring with 65 students. The greatest challenge ahead of us is leadership attrition. In the last four years 24 students have completed our leadership course. Some have graduated and some are on loan to other Chi Alpha minis-

tries. This May another of our leaders, Charles, graduated.

We finished out the semester in Springfield, MO for Chi Alpha's All Nations Conference. This was the 18th annual international student conference. We had a record attendance of 160 students and staff representing 32 nations. We were blessed by the teaching and preaching of African missionary Denny Miller and Christopher Gornold-Smith (missionary-ret). There were 15 students saved and 20 baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for partnering with us to accomplish what God had planned for this year.

### Points of interest

- NEW TCC CHI ALPHA GROUP HAS 20 MEMBERS AT END OF FIRST YEAR.
- 160 PEOPLE FROM 32 NATIONS ATTEND 18TH ANNUAL ALL NATIONS CONFERENCE.



Congratulations to Charles, one of our student leaders, who graduated this year!

## The Power of Caring

Recently God gave me two powerful examples of the power of caring for the people around us.

The first was a waitress at an IHOP where Jane and I had gone out to dinner with another Chi Alpha missionary couple, Dave and Libby Giles. During our dinner con-

versation Dave made a specific effort to recognize our waitresses name and thank her when she stopped by the table to check on us.

At the end of our meal Dave just asked if there was anything about which we could pray with her. She was a little surprised at the ques-

tion but asked if we would pray for her family (children, husband). The conversation continued a little more when she returned with our credit cards and change.

In the end, as we were leaving she asked, "Are you from out of town?" We told her we were just in town for the

### Prayer Requests

- **TRANSPORTATION**  
WE NEED A MINIVAN TO REPLACE OUR AGING FAMILY CAR.
- **ORIENTATIONS**  
DIVINE CONNECTIONS WITH INCOMING FRESHMEN.
- **CONFERENCE**  
SAFE TRAVEL AS JANE AND I DRIVE TO ARIZONA IN JULY FOR A CAMPUS MINISTERS CONFERENCE.



Reaching Students...Growing Leaders...Transforming Nations

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### CHI ALPHA CAMPUS MISSIONS

**"I JUST WANTED  
TO VISIT YOUR  
CHURCH!"**

**"YOU JUST KEEP  
HELPING STUDENTS  
AND I'LL KEEP  
MOWING YOUR  
LAWN!"**

### The Power of Caring (cont.)

week and she replied, "I just wanted to visit your church!"

When we returned home I was surprised to find my grass was not as tall as expected. I didn't think much of it but the next afternoon I heard a lawn mower running in my front yard. I walked out to find my neighbor mowing my front lawn. We talked for a few minutes and

thanked him for cutting our grass. Then I said, "Yeah I planned to get to this today or tomorrow because I expected our grass to be much higher." He said, "It's no problem. I had to cut my grass anyway. You just keep helping students and I'll keep mowing your lawn."

It is amazing how powerful a caring act can be. It can com-

pel a stranger to want to experience the body of Christ. It can cause the blessings of God to be showered down on us unexpectedly and unsolicited.

Paul tells Titus to "make the Gospel attractive." This is our goal. Thank you for enabling us to attract students, neighbors, and even IHOP waitresses to the Gospel.



Evelyn starts 1st grade in the fall and Grace moves up to the Pre-K 4 class. Mom and Dad are just tagging along.

### Family Notes

Yes my letter layout has changed again. I recently discovered that the sector of my hard drive containing all my ministry files was corrupted and Windows decided to delete them.

I looked into restoring the files but didn't think the amount I lost was worth \$100. Most of my files were backed up but I did lose some of my latest revisions.

I guess this is God's way of hitting the restart button and giving me a fresh start.

**Evelyn...**  
Evelyn starts 1st grade in the fall. She really enjoys math

and science but (like her Dad) doesn't thrive on reading and writing.

**Grace...**  
Grace will move up to the Pre-K 4 class at Kooken Learning Center. Her speech and motor skills are continuing to grow and she loves her teachers. Her favorite is Ms. Pricilla one of the teacher's aids in her class.

**Jane...**  
Jane is being promoted as well as the girls. She volunteered at Grace's school last year as PTA Vice-President. Now that the President's son is leaving she has been promoted by the Principal. This

means more time at Kooken and I pray more open doors to minister to teachers and parents.

**Stephen...**  
I have a lot of work to catch up on this summer. Besides recreating lost files and working on our budget, I have cut down two trees and several bushes in our backyard. It really has opened up our yard but now I need to bundle up all the limbs and dispose of them.

Sincerely,  
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Evelyn, and Grace

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