



# Transforming MU NEWS FROM UWE

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**Chi Alpha Campus Ministries is a community where we love people, care for people, are passionate about Jesus Christ and the things of God.**

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Thank you so much, dear supporters, for your financial blessings, monthly or as special offering, and your continued prayers. God continues to bless us here at Mizzou Chi Alpha, so that I wanted to send another newsletter this semester. Please enjoy the new reports and updates. Even at the end of a semester, we truly do not just maintain, we grow and strongly follow God and his plans.

Very soon there is a break coming up between semesters. Unlike many ministries, who take this time off, we will be taking about 50 students to a conference called SALT and lead a missions trip of 15 students to Haiti. It is my desire to let you know more about those tremendous opportunities for our students and myself, so that you can pray effectively. I also would like to encourage you to maybe give me an additional offering around this Christmas time for the costs of those trips, which are above my regular expenses.

Thanks again to all of you, no matter if you support me monthly, gave me a special offering, or if you intercede for me. Your commitment means so much to me, and I know that God will honor your obedience to Him. I am looking forward to the finish of the semester, a month of travel, and being used by God beyond the borders of the Mizzou campus. Let us once again stand in the gap together for the sake of Christ.

## COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST

Homecoming is an old tradition at Mizzou; in fact, it was invented here. Every year, Chi Alpha participates in the Homecoming Parade. We believe in serving the university and the community of Columbia. For the third year in a row we presented a lawnmower drill team. This year we had 32 lawnmowers, and groups of 8 wore fashion of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Like last year, we won first place among student organizations, we were featured in the evening news, and we heard from many people how much they enjoyed seeing us.



**Our group after the Parade**



**Walking in the parade**

But besides that, God always has this special bonus for us: This year, Kellie's mom and brother came to visit our last practice and to participate in the parade. **Kellie's brother** fell away from God for the last 7 years due to circumstances in his life. Seeing and interacting with us at the last practice and talking to a few people overnight, he shared with us before the Parade that he felt the Spirit tugging at his heart and that he re-committed his life to Christ. He went back home a changed man. Praise God! How God loves to use those goofy things to touch lives!

A guy from China with the English name of **Michael** played sports in the Recreation Center with a few of us and visited International Student Friendship (ISF) fairly regularly. At the end of October, at one of our ISF events, he shared with us that he prays and meditates, but he didn't know to who or what. After we explained that he could know today, he accepted Christ. Michael immediately started to come to our regular Chi Alpha services and got involved in a cell group Bible study.



**Michael (in the back) and other students**

## UPDATES

- International Student Friendship took about 30 international students plus about 10 Americans to St. Louis for a day trip. We visited the arch and the zoo. Everyone had a lot of fun, and friendships were strengthened.

- The MU women's volleyball team ended their regular season 19-10 (12-8 in the Big XII) and was selected for the NCAA Tournament. Since my last newsletter, they lost a few matches; most of them were very close matches, losing 2-3 in five games. Those losses prevented pride in MU's very young team (5 freshmen, 4 sophomores, 2 juniors, 1 senior).

- Chi Alpha had several very special activities last month. We had about 80 students at our annual hayride, and about the same number at our ice skating activity in Jefferson City.

Each year we also put on a Thanksgiving Banquet with real turkey meat and a guest speaker. We hosted around 110 traditional and international students this year.



One table at our  
Thanksgiving  
Banquet

## TRAVELS NEXT MONTH

The next 36 days will bring a lot of travel for me. I first will visit Germany between Dec 9 and Dec 26, celebrating Christmas with my parents. My parents and all the friends I will visit in my home town Cologne are not Christians yet - so for me this is another missions trip. For this trip I (together with my family) will take care of the expenses.

## SALT

Between Dec 27, 2003 and Jan 1, 2004, Mizzou Chi Alpha will take about 50 students to SALT in Chicago and lead worship. SALT is a regional leadership training conference that is held in different cities every year. The conference has top-of-the-line speakers, everyone will be challenged and lives will be changed. This will be my sixth SALT, and each year God has used this conference to guide me, to speak to me and to touch all the students that came with us. It is a time of passionate worship, intense prayer, dynamic teaching, and incredible encounters with God. The trip will cost me \$140 for registration and lodging. If you could help support me for this conference, you will help me to be better equipped and challenged as a leader to our university.

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## HAITI

A group of 15 MU Chi Alpha students and staff will take a missions trip to Petit Goave, Haiti, between Jan 4 and Jan 15, 2004. Our team will hold medical clinics, evangelize, hold services, pray for people, help with the feeding program, and play soccer with the kids at the orphanage.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, the median income is \$80 a year. This trip will be high energy, unique and more daring than my 3 trips before because it's the country's 200th anniversary in worshipping Satan through voodoo, and they will be rededicating Haiti to Satan in January while we are there. We are prepared to go and see God break through in bigger ways than ever before. These people have physical and spiritual needs and they are desperate. I am going to be part of this but I must raise \$1000. I need your help and prayer, and if you feel you could be part of this by supporting me, I would be grateful.

If you want to give me a special offering for either SALT or Haiti, you can send me a check and a note to my address, and I will take care of any formalities (it will be tax receipted the usual way). Alternatively, you can use an old tax receipt for me, copy my support line, but change the '00' under 'Class' to '09', and send your contribution directly to Home Missions. Thanks again for any offering and especially for your prayers.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please be led by the Spirit whenever you pray for me. I believe that God will show you my prayer needs clearer than what I can ever ask for. The main prayer requests that came to my mind this time are these:

- strong finish of the semester
- guidance and opportunities for sharing the Gospel in Germany
- smooth preparations for all travel
- many students' lives touched and changed at SALT
- safe travel to Haiti and back
- strength and power in the spiritual battle in Haiti
- success in increasing my support team