

The Guenthers @ Central

Your missionaries to college students across the Pacific Northwest



Launching season — Spring 2023

Hello family and friends —

With so many things happening that are NEW, Becky and I are excited send you this spring update. Read on!

Pray for Kingdom growth

ALASKA - One of our main goals is to train students for a lifetime of service to Jesus. We intensively practice the Christian life on campus; we train hard; we send them out into the world.

You may remember that last year Caleb and I visited the “marketplace” mission Chi Alpha has began in native Alaskan villages. The goal is to send our graduates as public school teachers into villages; influencing young people in order to bring a generation out of poverty, mental illness, and addiction.

What a pleasure that a team of CWU students experienced this powerful work over spring break! Brandon (CWU director) led the team and they worked in villages for several days to get an exposure to the mission. Our team worshipping in a re-started church in Bethel, Alaska (*top right*). Several students are now praying about returning once they graduate.

Please pray that a generation of students rises to take the gospel to these villages — planting churches, loving the lost!



Church startup in Bethel, AK



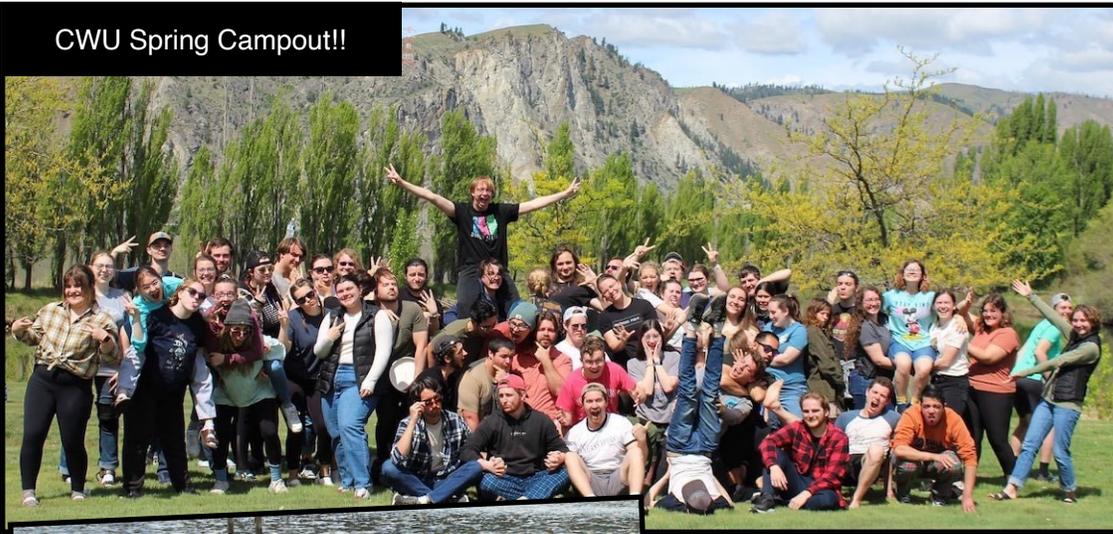
Oregon team!!

OREGON - Similarly, we have opened a new marketplace focus in Oregon. Our Chi Alpha missionaries (OSU and U. Oregon) began a new initiative in April. “Accelerate the Now” is a new partnership between our Chi Alpha groups and the Oregon network of Assembly of God churches. The goal is to establish centers (i.e. facilities) on every main campus in Oregon, while simultaneously developing and expanding our ministers’ training program—the Chi Alpha internship.

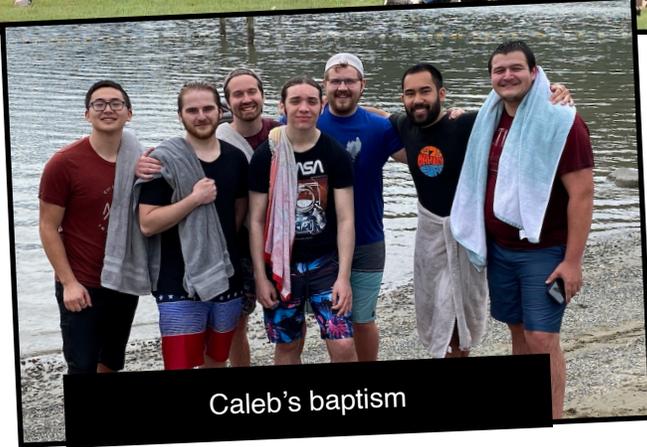
In other words, utilizing physical ministry locations — like an XA house — to expand the mission. The future target is to train a generation of young pastors to reach Oregon communities as church planters. I’m deeply indebted to our state director, Christian Anderson, whom we approved 5 years ago to pioneer the OSU campus. He’s developed a great team (photo, *lower right*) and they are started their XA ministry internship this coming fall... with three of their newly graduated students!

So... pray that a generation of Chi Alpha students rise to take the gospel across the Pacific Northwest.

CWU Spring Campout!!



CWU - Our family joined the Spring Campout with the CWU Chi Alpha, a fun annual tradition. And what was especially poignant for us is that our son Caleb decided to be baptized! He's had a phenomenal year (as a 16-yr-old) getting involved in Chi Alpha on campus. The college student who mentors our son was also there in the water with him, which also such a delight for us proud parents to see. It was a great retreat with some new students coming, and our interns did a phenomenal job preaching.



Caleb's baptism

NORTHWEST U - Good things continue to come from our partnership with Northwest University. I (Dan) was blessed to share with these Bible college students, not once but twice, this year about doing ministry on a secular campus. We are casting the nets for NU students to consider doing Chi Alpha ministry when they graduate.



As you may know, most of our XA missionaries come from our own work on campus... including Becky and myself. But we'd love to see the secular campus reached in as many ways as possible. In the photo (left) I'm sharing with NU students about the powerful impact of campus ministry. Also in the photo I was able to recruit one of our WWU (Bellingham) missionaries to share a personal story about God's call to ministry.

Support Raising Training (Becky planned, I ran!)



TRAINING FOR NEXT YEAR - For almost 20 years, Becky and I have been training recent Chi Alpha graduates how to raise support for missions. The interns come here to Ellensburg (*photo at left*) and we spend the weekend teaching them how to tell their stories and raise a missions budget. Attendance bumped up

this year to 16 missionaries in training (*at right*). Moreover we had quite the adventure because I was out of town during the prep week, but then Becky was gone for the training itself! She did a lot of work to leave notes for me—housing assignments, food menu, handouts, etc. And then I landed in Seattle, drove to Ellensburg, just in time for everyone to arrive. These recent grads are headed on their mission to: France, CWU, WWU, and Oregon State U.

Please pray Jesus uses this next year to enrich his ministry calling in these precious young people.



The crew of next year's interns

Family update — transitions

Becky and I continue to relish this “launch” season for our teenagers.

— **Caleb attends the VEX Robotics World Championship.** After two years of working in the high school program, Caleb and his team placed 2nd at the Washington State tournament. This resulted in an invitation to “Worlds,” which was held in Dallas TX in April. They placed in the top 20% at the competition, which was an outstanding achievement.

Caleb continues to grow in his faith, regularly attending and participating with Chi Alpha students on campus. And his new job on campus (CWU Dining Services) has been a great step forward.

— **Hannah is about to graduate high school!** We’ve been preparing in so many ways: helping her with her WWU campus housing, finding a roommate, applying for scholarships. And the big day is coming soon on June 8th here in Ellensburg. Looking forward to hosting guests at our house!



Caleb at “Worlds”

Recently we went hiking, and naturally Hannah was able to spy out some creatures everywhere, including some well-preserved rodent bones. Her love of nature is something she plans to pursue at WWU. She is also praying about how God will direct her future.

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To everyone: We are so grateful for your partnership. Thanks for regularly praying and interceding on behalf of this incredible mission. And thank you for your support of our family.

Becky and I appreciate you very much!

Dan & Becky



Hannah out hiking!