

# Dan & Becky Guenther

Your missionaries to college students across the USA



## Spring ministry update!

Hello team! The final quarter of the school year is underway. It's a critical time and we're in a full-on sprint to prepare students for serving Jesus well in the next year. And God is still at work on campus. Plus, Becky and I are rapidly approaching our transition time frame. Here's a report!



Becky training a new crew before they launch into missions!

## Jesus calls and sends... we only help.

*Dan:* Last weekend we hosted 16 new Chi Alpha missionaries for an extensive training in support raising. Most of these recently-graduated students are doing the Chi Alpha internship next year, at CWU, WWU, and University of Idaho. One is headed overseas in missions. And one is starting a deliverance ministry. A great crew!

This was Becky's last year on the teaching staff. She & I have found great new leaders to take over: Julie Stoa from OSU is our primary trainer, and Melissa Nguyen (CWU) and Jessica Seaberg (U of I) are also stepping up. Since I (Dan) started this support raising training— 20 years ago—we've loved and trained over 200 Chi Alpha students headed out to the mission field. **Please pray God encourages and funds all of this year's group!**

## In search of a financial investor

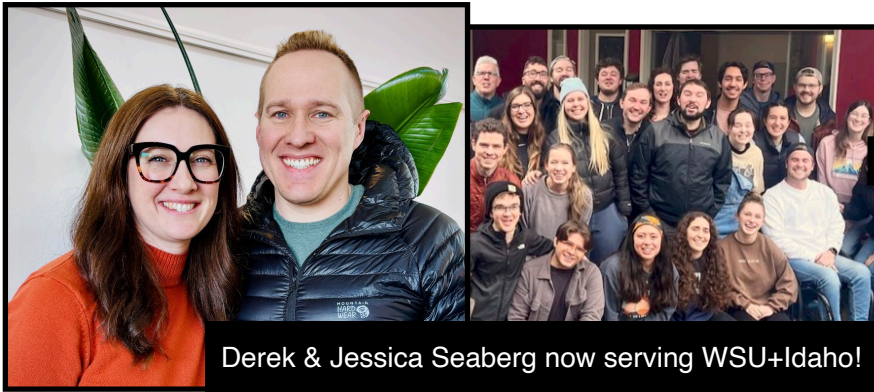
**Do you know someone who would consider an investment for the sake of our future ministry?** As we prepare to move to the Chi Alpha headquarters, we were blessed with the chance to rent our current house to a young couple on the CWU Chi Alpha team. It's our heart to serve these missionaries... and through them, to keep reaching students at CWU.

With this decision made, we no longer have a downpayment for a home in Missouri. **We prefer a place that has space to host traveling Chi Alpha leaders. Our goal is to find an individual investor. Here are the specifics:**

- Loan of \$50,000–\$60,000 (roughly a 20% downpayment in Missouri)
- With an interest rate of about 4% (similar to a CD)
- We desire to pay back the loan on a contract of 5–8 years.

We know this is an unusual request. This would be an investment that enables Becky & I to do what we envision during our next ministry season. Happy to work with anyone. We are praying for someone who is looking for a steady financial return and who has a missions heart. Please let us know!





Derek & Jessica Seaberg now serving WSU+Idaho!

## WSU and Idaho future

Becky: Got an answer to prayer! In 2024 we took a vision trip with 37 Chi Alpha leaders to pray for Washington State University, asking God to establish the next generation of ministry on campus.

As many of you know, WSU is where Dan was first called into ministry. His Chi Alpha pastor (Steve Barke) has served at WSU now for **33 years**. We've been praying with Steve about the future of the ministry.

And now, great news! Our leaders at the University of Idaho, Derek & Jessica Seaberg, have an announcement:

*We love college students! We have been serving side-by-side as a married team for the last 18 years, leading the Chi Alpha ministry at the University of Idaho and seeing it grow into a healthy and mature ministry. Derek has officially accepted a position as the new Chi Alpha director at Washington State University! Chi Alpha has a long, amazing history at WSU and has been led by Steve Barke, for 33 years. . . . Derek is humbled to take WSU Chi Alpha into its next chapter starting January 2027.*

*Jessica will remain at the University of Idaho as the Internship Director. And our staff member, Jeremy Sexton, will step up as the next University of Idaho Director! Jessica really loves her job training up new missionaries. So we wanted UI, which is next door to WSU, to be able to remain a training center... Interns learn ministry skill and theological foundations [which will benefit both campuses].*

Dan: We love hearing this. The great news is knowing both WSU and U of I ministry will continue strong. Derek was one of the students I (Dan) trained at CWU, and Becky & I invested in this couple for many years.

**Would you pray with us that generations of students encounter Jesus at WSU and Idaho?**



Dan logging time with Internship Directors in February

## Around the country

Dan: In February I traveled to spent a week training leaders from around the USA. Specifically, these are Chi Alpha pastors who oversee ministry in each state, just like we did in Washington for years. My role as National Field Director is to oversee ministries across the country. At right, I'm with three of our Washington internship directors plus two from North Dakota.

We have 47 different "districts" for Chi Alpha, totaling 272 campuses across the USA. In our annual February training, some of the topics we taught about were: *Our four core values of Disciple-making groups, Cross-cultural missions, Holy Spirit Empowerment, and Healthy leaders; How to visit and connect with your campus ministries during the year; and How do you help Christian leaders be accountable to each other.*



## Still working with missionary kids

A quick shout-out to Becky, who continues to be a resource to local Chi Alpha families where both the husband and wife are in ministry. It's a great pleasure to see these kids growing in their skills. And we want them to love Jesus (and glean some passion for the Lord from those college student retreats!). Pictured here is Emma, who is the 2-year old daughter of Brandon and Meredith Davis, our CWU Directors. Emma comes over most Monday mornings to play at our house.

Becky: I am also on the planning team for the kids program at our national Chi Alpha conference in July. We expect about 300 kids of Chi Alpha missionaries to be there in Phoenix. For most kids, it will be a novelty to be in the desert, so we are planning the whole theme around God's gifts in the desert... in the Old Testament, in the New Testament, and today. We lined up the Phoenix Zoo to bring some desert animals on one of the days! It has been fun being on a team of people who are also passionate about investing in missionary kids.



## Student story at Bellevue

Bellevue College is the second largest school in the state of Washington. Our Chi Alpha leader, Ben, writes:

*I was talking with a new student (we'll call him John), who started coming to Chi Alpha this quarter. From what he shared in our weekly Bible study (at left), I assumed he was already a Christian. So when he told me in our first discipleship time, "I'm not ready to be a Christian," I was quite surprised.*

*We had a meaningful conversation about what it actually means to follow Jesus. Even though John grew up around church, he realized he didn't really understand the Gospel. I had an opportunity to share that being a Christian isn't about having everything together, it's about trusting who Jesus is and choosing to follow Him.*

*At the end of the conversation, I asked if he wanted to pray and take that step. He wasn't quite ready. His main concern is that he isn't good enough, and he wants to clean up his life more before following Jesus.*

*Would you take a moment and pray for 'John'? Pray that he would see he doesn't have to earn his way to God, but can receive the free gift of salvation through Jesus. He and I are meeting up each week and going through the book of Mark, I'm hopeful that he'll get there soon!*

## On the home front

We are working on preparations for the big move. Most of the books in the house are packed, and we installed new carpet and fixed the insulation. There's projects all around the house. God has been steadily answering our prayers as we get closer to moving. Hannah has housing for her senior year of college, in a community house of Chi Alpha women called *The Dawn Treader*. Hannah also has a summer job at a local garden center/nursery. Caleb has his housing resolved — he'll be renting a separate bedroom at the end of our house from us. And we have tenants for the main part of our house! Please keep praying for Caleb to find his job!

Hannah went on a Chi Alpha spring break missions trip to Costa Rica, where they partnered with a missionary to do evangelism with students at a university in San Jose. Story next time!

## GUENTHER COUNTDOWN

14 weeks until we move  
8 projects on our house  
\$95/month left to raise  
2 young adults to launch  
and 1 lifetime to give!

And we just want to mention again... we couldn't do this without you. We've got a lifetime to give to Jesus, and our goals haven't changed. We want to see the gospel proclaimed on EVERY college campus. We want to see students mobilized to reach the nation, and to reach every nation. And we want to honor the Lord each day.

We continue to drive around the state to see each of you. If we haven't stopped by yet, please stand by!

Thanks for being part of our team. We greatly appreciated your prayers. Thank you!

*Dan & Becky*