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Dear Friends & Family,

WELL, HERE WE ARE, It is the beginning of May & you know what that means... Well it may not mean much to you except that Spring is here, but for us at Chi Alpha-WSU it means that the school year is done & we are headed out on a missions trip. As I told you last month we are going to Tanzania. We leave on May 12th & return on May 29th. **Please pray for us!**



IT ALSO MEANS that we just got done with a very active part of the year. It started just before Spring break when we sent an outreach team north to Eastern Washington

University for a week of ministry with the XA group there. Julie lead the team & they did a great job & each member of the team came back changed.

AFTER SPRING BREAK we had a team from Western Washington University (WWU) here for a week of outreach, which went great! The WWU team did a great job & really inspired our students to reach out on our own campus. The combination of sending a team & having a team here was a huge benefit to the growth of our ministry's maturity.



Boffer Fighting



AS THE SEMESTER CAME TO A CLOSE, we had a flurry of "last times." The last TNF for our seniors which included Senior sharing, last Discipleship class, last 1-to-1's, last TEAM meeting, last Pre-Marital counseling sessions & probably other "last's" that I am forgetting. At the end of "DEAD Week," — The week before finals, which when I was in college meant no tests, but now means the professors try to kill

the students before finals — was our annual spring picnic & baptism. We had three baptisms this year, two who



were getting baptized for the first time (*Samantha Holden & Zhao Xing Ying*) & one who was confirming her baptism as an adult. What a glorious occasion! The baptism was followed by a BBQ & a rousing boffer (yes I said "boffer") fighting match in the pouring rain.



OUR FINAL EVENT OF THE SEMESTER is our annual commencement fund-raising. We sell roses to the graduates & their families & we usher the graduates to their places during commencement. We make over \$4000 in one very long but fun day. We had some alumni who came to help, as well as Tami's mom & grandmother. Thanks to all of you. You are a great blessing!!

Prayer Requests: Ministry

- ◆ **Tanzania 2010:**
 - **Pray** The team would get there safely & would be ready for outreach
 - **Pray** that we would stay healthy
 - **Pray** people would Hear the gospel clearly & would respond to it.
- ◆ **Chi Alpha House:**
 - **PRAY** that the house would continue to grow in hospitality.
 - **PRAY** that God would call students to the house for next year.
 - **PRAY** that we would be able to fill the house.
- ◆ **New Leaders:**
 - **Pray** that God would help us to know who is ready for leadership & that we would be able to train them.
 - **Pray** for willingness to step up and take their place as leaders.
 - **Pray** for creativity & vision in raising up new leaders.
- ◆ **XA Finances:**
 - **Pray** for God's continued provision in a very tough time
 - **Pray** for God's direction in fund-raising this summer

Family

- ◆ **Pray** for Cayla's continued healing & deliverance from her condition.
- ◆ **Pray** that Doctor's will find what is hindering her healing
- ◆ **Pray** For Marianne, our exchange student, that God would guide her.

Praises

- ◆ More individuals joining our support team
- ◆ Many young students taking ownership of XA and of reaching their campus.

Ministry Financial Info

Fiscal Year July 2009-June 2010
 Budgeted Income: \$66050
 Actual Income: \$63492.21
 Difference: Short -\$2557.79

Ways to give: Checks or Bill Pay can be made to:
 Chi Alpha WSU—PO Box 1058—Pullman, WA 99163

**TANZANIA
 2010
 Summer
 Missions**

I wanted to take the time to thank all of you who have financially support our summer trip to Tanzania. I contacted many of you through e-mail & facebook and many of you responded. Thanks!! We have met our minimum budget. God is so good!!

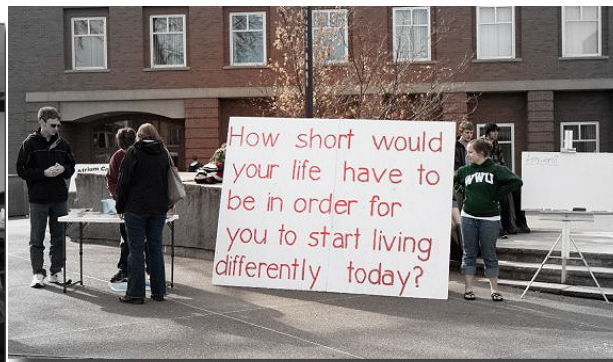
*If you are interested in keeping up on the trip there is a facebook fan page that we will do our best to keep updated while we are there, it is called: **Chi Alpha - Tanzania 2010**. So, become a fan today.*

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER for us, it is going to be an intense trip & we are going to need God's help. He will let you know what to pray for! But you can pray especially for our Marathon hike that starts on the fourth day of the trip.



Tami, Cayla & Ethan, Your Missionaries to WSU

⬇️Here are some more!⬆️



I want to end this months letter with a thank you to all who have supported Chi Alpha-WSU over the past school year. You gifts have gone to reach & disciple students. They are a huge blessing to us. All of our needs have been met. I do want to ask that you would continue over the summer & through the following year. Also if you have not as yet been able to join our support team, please prayerfully consider joining with us to reach WSU for Christ. You are essential to our ministry! Thanks again & May God bless you richly!!! - SKB