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Dear Friends & Family,

As I write this letter, I am sitting at Glen's house in Haiti. Glen is a 'missionary,' who lives in California, but who has dedicated his life to Haitians & is in Haiti so often that he has built a house here. Glen's house serves as the headquarters of Starfish Ministries — the ministry that we work with in Haiti.

It is pretty hot in Tricotte & it has not rained here for over 4 months (which means there is very little water for bathing. But, around me the Chi Alpha-WSU team is hard at work. Melissa is working on charting the height & weight of all the children in the orphanage.

Josh & Austin are working on 'Care packages' that have been sent from the USA for sponsored children. Nathan & Danielle are on the roof putting on 'snow coat sealant' to help keep the house cool.

Cayla, Liliana & Annie are down at the orphanage with the kids. They are teaching them how to design fabric decorations & sewing them onto t-shirts.

We brought 3 large boxes of t-shirts that were donated by a t-shirt design company & lots of fabric so that the orphans could make their own t-shirts to wear or to sell in the market after we leave.

We have been in Haiti for 8 days and it has been great! I am so proud of our team!! They have worked

really hard & jumped in feet first to work on various projects, love on the kids, reach out in some remote villages & many other things as well.

One of the things that the kids in the orphanage have really loved (and it has helped to bridge the language barrier) has been teaching them to play Uno. The kids love playing even though we have yet to really help them get the whole calling out 'Uno!' yet. They still think you say it when you win. Oh, well. What is important though is that everybody is having a great time.

I want to thank all of you who have donated to our Haiti trip. God is using this time not only to impact the lives of Haitians, but ours as well. Thank you



as well for giving your time in prayer & please continue to pray for our students now that they are home. God worked in them & through them, but I also believe he wants to bring his good work to completion in them.

Prayer Requests:

Ministry

Family

◆ **Cores:**

- **Pray** for our New leaders. Many of them are at the Student Institute of Campus Ministry getting training during May & June
- **Pray** that God would prepare them to reach the campus for Christ & raise up new leaders

◆ **Summer Fellowship:**

- **PRAY** that Jake, Shane & Brianna would be able to lead it well
- **PRAY** for vision to reach out over the summer
- **PRAY** for new friendships to blossom

◆ **Staff Summer Activities:**

- **PRAY** for the rest, rejuvenation, fun that we all need during our vacations this summer
- **PRAY** for our fund-raising efforts this summer. Each of us has a significant amount to raise.
- **PRAY** for our possibility of hiring another staff person

◆ **XA Finances:**

- **Pray** for Wisdom & patience
- **Pray** for God's blessing & provision

- ◆ **Pray** for quality time together. Both kids have lot's of activities
- ◆ **Pray** for Cayla. She turns 18 in July. She is getting her Drivers License finally!!
- ◆ **Pray** for Ethan. He is playing lot's of Sports this summer. He is going to be a Freshman in the fall, enough said!

Praises

- ◆ Great Haiti trip!
- ◆ God is providing for the ministry & for us.
- ◆ Next year we are going to grow in every category in our ministry

Ministry Financial Info

2010-2011 Fiscal Year July 2010 — June 2011
(This # no longer includes XA house rental income)

Budgeted Income YTD: \$48,864.12

Actual Income: \$44,627.11

Difference: **\$4237.01**

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

Year's End

So much happens at the end of a school year: Missions trips, seniors graduate & we send them off to be Christ's ambassador's to the nations, etc. But what I consider the most important celebration of our Chi Alpha families year is our Spring Picnic & Baptism. At this gathering we celebrate the year & our wonderful times & we continue the tradition of obedience to the Father that was modeled by the Son when he was baptized by John in the Jordan. This year we had 3 women follow the Lord in His command to be baptized. Courtney & Hollie had been baptized as infants & so confirmed their parent's actions on their behalf. Brianna is a young believer.



This year we did something a little different as part of our Baptism service. Usually we serve communion only to each person being baptized. But, this year after serving them communion, we had each of them serve the rest of the community. It was really fun, and a great example of Christ serving his body.

Tami, Cayla & Ethan, Your Missionaries to WSU

⚡Here are some more!⚡



Courtney



Brianna



Hollie

I wanted to thank all of you who have so faithfully supported Chi Alpha-WSU over this past year & longer! This summer we are all going to be spending time fund-raising & I would like to ask all of you to consider supporting Chi Alpha-WSU if you already do, again thanks. If you currently don't, please pray about how God would have you partner with us. You can give a one-time gift, give quarterly or give monthly, it is really up to you. I know for many of you money is tight, so please know that whether you give financially or pray or both we are truly grateful. May God bless you! - SKB