

# Summer is here in Boulder!

Hello Everyone!

I hope your summers have started off well and that you all are doing well!

The summer here has gotten off to a good start and has been great so far. The main highlight for me so far has been traveling to All Nations, in Tulsa, OK, with Partha back towards the end of May. All Nations is a big conference that Chi Alpha puts on every year for International students that are apart of Chi Alphas from across the country. This year, there were around 100-150 students at the conference from all over the world. The conference was really good, and it was cool to see how much Chi Alpha - as an organization - cares about the international students that come to this country every year. They have a genuine desire to reach them and make them feel welcome when they get here. Most importantly, though, Partha had a really good time there and got to make some new friends and catch up with some of the people he met there last year. He also got to share his testimony with everyone at the conference. He did an amazing job and it was a really great growing experience for him! It is incredible to see all that God has done in his life over the past year and half!



Partha sharing his testimony at All Nations.



Partha and I on a bike ride, in AR, and having to climb through some downed trees in the road.

After the conference Partha and I went and visited my parents for a week, because they lived pretty close to where the conference was taking place. This was a great week and it was fun to introduce my parents to one of our students. The visit turned out to be very well timed as well, because while we were at the conference my parent's town got hit with some really bad storms and there was a lot of damage to homes and downed trees everywhere. So we got to help my parents clean up their yard as well as help other people clean up their yards. In between yard clean ups, I got to show Partha around my home town, and we went to an awesome coffee shop and some great restaurants in the area. We also went on some bike rides, and I got to show him some of my favorite riding routes in the area. Overall, it was a really fun trip with Partha, and he had a great time!

After getting back to CO, we have pretty much been doing our summer small groups and connecting with our students that are still in town. For small groups this summer, we decided to have our student leaders take the lead on

planning and leading the small group discussion each week. So far, it has been really good and the student leaders have been doing a great job in leading a wide range of discussions about why is there suffering. Last week, Partha led us in an exercise of just writing down whatever was on our minds and then discussing anything that we are thinking about or struggling with. It was a really sweet time, and we had a good discussion and got to help each other process things that were going on in our lives.

Overall, the summer has been good and it has been nice that it has been, for the most part, pretty laid back. It has been a good time to rest and recover a bit from the business of the school year and get ready for the next semester. Thanks again for all of the support that you all have shown and given me over these past few years. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!



Going on a hike with some students.

Prayer Requests
We have our Light conference coming up this week for all of the Chi Alpha staff in our region. So be praying that everyone can travel there safely and and that it would be a great opportunity to hear from God and that we can encourage each other while we are there.
One of our students has been struggling with forgiveness and moving on from something that happened recently. So be praying that God can heal the hurt that he feels and that he can come to a place where he can forgive, and that he would lean on God and the community around him in this time.
We have a couple of students that are still on the fence about whether or not they will join leadership next year and lead a small group. So, be praying that they would continue to seek God as they make this decision, and that they would be led by God in that decision; please pray that God would give them peace and confidence about whatever they decide to do.

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