



The Semester Kicks Off!



Missions Night!

This past month has been another pretty eventful one for Chi Alpha. One of the main things we did as a ministry was having our Missions Week in late October. This is an event or series of events that we do each year to highlight the importance of and the heart behind going on a short term missions trip.

We kicked off the week with an International Agapē Feast. This was an event similar to the last Agapē Feast we had in September, but was more focused toward international students and their nations. It was a really fun night with around 200 students that came and each small group was asked to make an international main dish or dessert, and the food was really good! We also had a guy named Mathew Collver come to talk about a church that he pastors in Denver called The Hills Church. He also talked about what opportunities there are after college to minister to people and be involved in a church.

After Agapē Feast, we had a missions dig in later in the week. A couple that is connected with the community came and spoke on the value of going and doing missions, short term or long term, after college and the skills that they were able to develop. They talked about the relationships and lives that they changed as a result of their time in missions overseas after college, as well as the struggles and obstacles they had to overcome. They also encouraged anyone who may be on the fence about whether to go on mission - that sometimes it's best to just go and trust that God will show up and honor your willingness to go.



International Agapē Feast!

We ended the week with a Missions Night at our weekly gathering where we introduced the missions trips that the ministry will be going on this year and gave students an opportunity to talk to the trip leaders and get more info on the trips. This year, we are going on trips to different Chi Alphas in Pueblo, CO, Greeley, CO, and South Dakota as well as a trip to Denver and a virtual mission trip to Russia. The other interns and I, will each be leading a trip, and I will be leading the Denver trip. The trip will be from January 9-14, and will have more updates on that as the trip gets closer. I have a great team of students going with me and it should be a great trip!

The Campus Missionary In Training (CMIT) program I have been doing has also been going well this past month. I have done a bit of reading and attended some more really interesting theology classes. One of the books I read recently is **Celebration of Discipline** by Richard Foster. It was a really good look at different spiritual disciplines and the purpose behind each, and what each should look like and does in our lives. It was really good book and one that I would highly recommend to read.

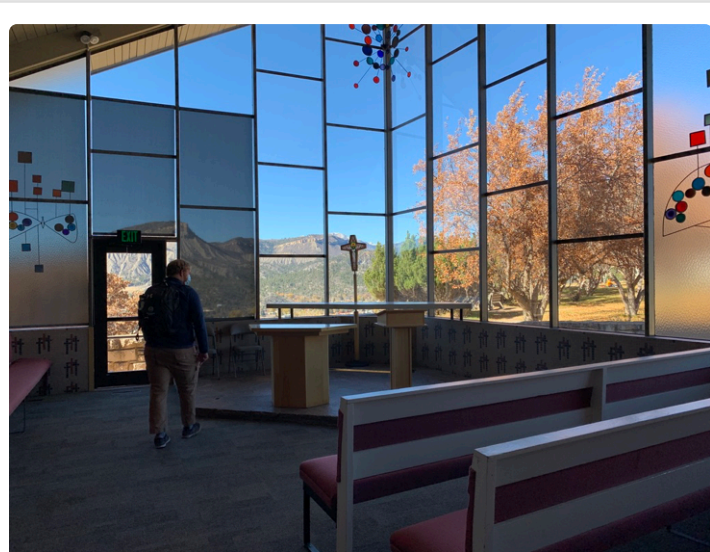


From left to right: Elizabeth, Pastor Darby (the pastor we met with), Adam, and me.

Two other interns and I started our final project, as well, which is a 5 year pioneering plan to plant a Chi Alpha at a university in CO that currently does not have one. My group chose to do Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. So, we went and visited the campus and surveyed students about the campus to find out things about them. We learned about their major, year in school, hometown, and if they were currently involved in any sort of campus ministry. We also met with a local pastor there and asked him some questions about his church, life, and the town. Overall we got a lot of good info that gave us a good foundation to build on of for our project.



The town of Durango, CO. The college overlooks it.



The chapel at Fort Lewis College.



There were deer everywhere on Fort Lewis' campus. Kind of cool to see them and it was a beautiful campus.



Fort Lewis' iconic clock tower in the middle of campus. We met a lot of students there .

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with friends and family. Thanks a ton for all your support it really means a lot!

Prayer Requests

I ask that you be praying for the guys in my cohort (our small group for small group leaders) and myself as it has been a very difficult season for all of us the past few weeks.

One of my small group guys has an issue in his life impacting his well-being that I and another of his friends are going to talk to him about. I ask that you would pray that he would respond well to us talking to him and that he would see that we are doing this out of care for him.

I will be asking one of my small group guys to go through our leadership training course to be a small group leader next year and I ask that you pray that he would respond well to that request and that he would consider doing it if it is God's will for him to do so.

Pray that I can continue to lead the guys I am discipling well and that I can finish up the semester strong.

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