



Kicking off at CU!

Hello Everyone!

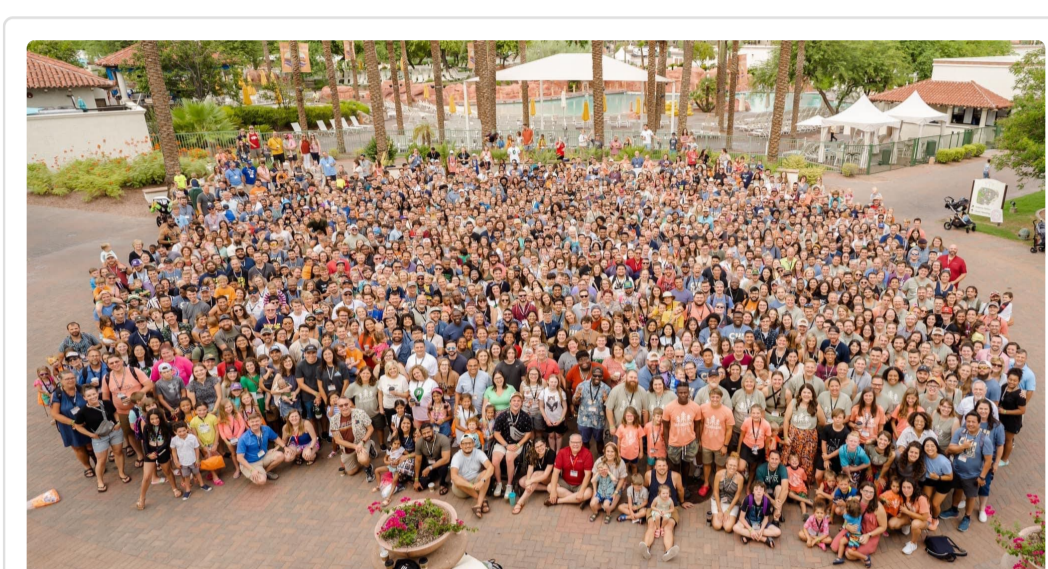
I hope you all are doing well!

I just wanted to send out a quick update about what I have been up to the last couple of months and how the transition to Boulder is going.

To start off, the Sandquists (the couple leading the Boulder Chi Alpha) and I ended up finding a really awesome house, with another one of our friends, in Boulder. It is in a great location and is fairly affordable! Praise God! Thank you all for the prayers that we would find a great place to be able to rent. We have already hosted several dinners at the house and it has been a great place to bring students to, and to hangout and relax. So... we are officially in Boulder now which is really exciting!



Our house in Boulder.



Group photo from CMC!

Shortly after moving to Boulder, I went to Campus Missions Conference (CMC) in Phoenix that the national Chi Alpha organizations puts on every few years. This was a conference for all the Chi Alpha missionaries across the country to come to and meet. It is a great way to see the larger national Chi Alpha community as well as get ready and get encouraged for the upcoming semester. This was a really awesome conference, and there were over 1000 Chi Alpha missionaries from all over the country there. It was cool to meet and interact with people I would not have otherwise had the opportunity to meet. During the conference we had several sessions about a lot of different things as well as some nice time to chill out and digest everything that we had learned.

There were a lot of things covered over the week of CMC, but my favorites included a session on Holy Spirit Lead Pioneering, which was really good and pertinent to what I am helping to do in Boulder. The other sessions that I really enjoyed were on the importance of unity in the Body of Christ. I thought this was particularly cool, because sometimes in campus ministry there can be a little bit of competitiveness among the different campus ministries for students on campus. It is always good to keep in mind that we are all fighting for the campuses we are on and all have a desire to see students lives changed by the Gospel of Christ.



Photo from one of the sessions at CMC.

During this time they also talked about an organization called EveryCampus which is an interdenominational organization that is collaborating with a bunch of different campus ministry organizations with the goal of seeing a gospel community on every campus in the US. It was really awesome to hear about this organization and their vision for the campuses across the US.



Morning breakfast during camping on the way back from CMC.

The trips to and from CMC were also a lot of fun as well; I got to travel with the Sandquists and a couple that will be joining us in Boulder next year. We also camped on the way there and on the way back with some people from CSU Chi Alpha who I hadn't seen in a while. It was really good to catch up with them and see how their summers were, and it was great to hangout with all of them.

After CMC, we headed back to Boulder and started to get settled in a bit to the new house and the city; we did not have much time to do that before CMC. The start of the semester here at CU Boulder has gone well, for the most part. Since I am still in the process of raising my full support for Boulder I have not been able to be on campus as much as I would like, but I have still been able to attend small group and hangout with students when I get a chance. We have about three to four students that are coming to small group each week and are hanging out with us; it has been really cool to get to know them and hear more about where they're from and about their background.

We have also gotten plugged into an awesome church down here in Boulder, more on that in a sec. We have met some really cool students through that church, as well. The students we have met at the church are part of other campus ministries at CU, but it has been really encouraging to talk to them and see that God is really moving on campus here and that there are other students that want to see change on this campus.



Having some students and people from our church over for dinner.

One of the students is a grad student here at CU and was telling us that when he got here a couple years ago, he did not see much intentional outreach happening on campus. He decided he wanted to see change and start to make that happen. So now he is hosting a grad student Bible study each week, as well as prayer meetings every Thursday morning. It has been really encouraging and inspiring to see!

There are also other students that are having prayer meetings throughout the week to pray for the campus, in general, as well as specific groups of students on the campus. It has been really awesome to see and it is really an honor to be a part of what God is doing and will do at CU Boulder.



Photo from a camping trip that we took over Labor Day!

Now for a couple of last brief updates. The church that myself and the Sandquists are attending here in Boulder is called Belay church. This is a small house church which was planted by a family who were missionaries in China for a lot of years and then were called to Boulder in 2019. It has been so cool to be apart of this church! There are around 30 people that attend the church and the weekly services are very different than what I am normally used to seeing. Because of the smaller size, the services have more of a small group type feel to them where we each take turns reading from the scripture that is being taught on that day. The pastor will ask questions and ask for people to give thoughts on what we are talking about that day. It is actually really cool!

If you recall, in my last newsletter, I had asked you all to pray for a friend of mine that I have been ministering to - so that he would continue to express desire to change and that he would make change. Anyway, he let me know a little bit

ago that he had taken some major steps towards positive change! Recently, he told me that he has been delving into the Bible quite a bit and has been asking some really good questions as well. This has been really encouraging and awesome to see and I want to say thanks a ton for all the prayers!



Photo of CU's campus. It is a really beautiful campus with so much potential.

So, this is what the last couple of months have looked like for me. Thanks again for all your support. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!

Prayer Requests
I recently learned that my aunt passed away, so if you could be praying for God to comfort my family during this time, that would be greatly appreciated.
I have a friend that is having some health issues recently and is struggling with social anxiety. So be praying for him to be healed of his health issues and the social anxiety that he is struggling with.
Be praying for the friend I mentioned earlier - that he would continue to delve into the Bible and seek the Lord in everything he does.
I ask for your continued prayer that I would be able to raise my full budget for Boulder so that I can start to be on campus more than I have been able to be.
Be praying for one student that is coming to small group who is a freshman and is a Christian and is living in the dorms - that he would be encouraged in his faith. He has said that some of friends have made fun of his faith; please pray that he would continue to be bold and have the courage to share his faith with others in the dorms.
There is another student who is hanging out and does not have much of a faith background at all. So be praying for him that he would start to show a curiosity about Christianity and about Jesus, and that he would come to know Jesus.