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Chi Alpha stands for "Christ's Ambassadors" or Christ's "sent ones." The terminology comes from 2 Corinthians 5:20 in which Paul says, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

And that is our mission—to see Purdue students come into relationship with Jesus, get filled with His Spirit and His Word, and be sent out across campus and around the world as radical ambassadors for Him!

We meet on campus in a variety of contexts: daily morning prayer, weekly corporate worship, small group discipleship, campus evangelism, and fellowship activities. Our favorite motto has become: "We're not a frat; we're a family."



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State of the XA Union Address

Dear Alumni, we hope you are getting settled into your new stage of life! We've been praying for you to find a good church and to live out God's purpose for you where He has planted you. Here is an update on the ministry at this point, to help you know how to pray for us at this point! Please keep in touch with us so we can know how to pray for you!

We just finished our second year on campus, and the group has grown from a handful of students to a thriving XA family. In January 2007, the Lord spoke through 2 Kings 19:29-31 as a directive for the re-pioneering effort: ²⁹"This will be the sign for you, O Hezekiah: This year you will eat what grows by itself, and the second year what springs from that. But in the third year sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ³⁰Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. ³¹For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

According to the Word of the Lord, we spent our first two years reaching the remnant of existing XA students as well as incoming AG freshmen, a bridge we want to keep intact until Jesus comes. This fall, in response to God's directive, we are going to be more proactive to sow spiritual seed and reach the lost, especially international students. The university has given us a huge door of favor, and we've already been helping out with summer int'l orientation and driving new int'l students from the Purdue airport to campus.

If you live locally, we can use your help in a couple of ways this coming fall:

1. Become an int'l student host family! Students need mother/father figures! Imagine leaving your family at age 18 and being on your own overseas. Most internationals never have the opportunity to be inside an American home—we can change that! "Host family" means you form a relationship with an international that is assigned to you—it can be as involved as you want it to be: dinner once a month, coffee once a week, or holiday celebrations with your family. Just incorporate them into what you already do!
2. Help us connect with new students this fall by cooking/serving at a collegiate luncheon after church, which will take place at both Lafayette First AG and Bethel immediately after service on August 30th and again on September 27th.

If either of the above interest you and you want to join us in the effort to reach out to new students, please contact me at lseiler@purdue.edu or 765-543-5292.

I am including a prayer magnet for you to put somewhere conspicuous :) We appreciate your prayers and your partnering with us so the Gospel can continue to spread at Purdue and beyond!

Blessings
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