



Our purpose is to help Chi Alpha & the church be an accurate representation of Christ's people to the campus in its:

sacred creation (Acts 17:26), **diverse ethnic makeup** (Rev. 7:9), **supernatural oneness** (Gal. 3:28), **Jesus-centered unity** (John 17:21), **kingdom-ethic witness** (Mt. 5:1-15, Luke 4:18-19) and **reconciliation ministry** (2 Cor. 5: 16-21, Eph. 2:14-22).

We do this through:

1. Mobilizing the unspent*
2. Equipping through training and resourcing
3. Helping plant at HBCU's**
4. Building bridges

*Unspent refers to ethnic minorities traditionally under-represented in missions

**Historically Black College and Universities



Monthly HBCU Prayer Target: *Atlanta University Center*

The Atlanta University Center Consortium is the largest contiguous consortium of African Americans in higher education in the United States. The center consists of four historically black colleges and universities in southwest Atlanta, Georgia.

This past month Raydon Haskins, missionary at Indiana State University, and I toured these campuses with Dale Stephens, Chi Alpha Atlanta director. Please pray with us for these strategic campuses filled with heritage and prestige, but lacking a Spirit-filled, Jesus-centered, Bible-based ministry to students.

Your Prayers Make a Difference

We are in a time of battle. The enemy is not giving up or giving in (see news stories below) and neither can we. We must press on in prayer and in action inspired by prayer.

We want to thank you for standing with us in this battle and for caring for the things our Father cares for. Paul called us to "rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn." It is so easy to get caught up in the pursuits of this world and ignore the hurt around you.

We encourage you, as you pray this month, to ask our Father to share his heart with you, and don't be shy about shedding tears for the hurting. Jesus wept even when he could change the situation. How much more should we weep.

Belkis and Steve Lehmann

Answered Prayers

God is hearing your prayers. Here are some results:

- God was certainly with us as we traveled to Atlanta this past month to "shake the trees".
- A donor came forward today to help defray costs of presenting at a national conference.
- God's continued provision for daily needs as the needs arise.
- New members added to Diversity Task Force.
- Prayer and intercessory team now over 300.
- We continue to be safe, healthy, and loving Jesus!
- Doors continue to open to share the vision of unity and love in the church.

Specific Prayer Points

Please pray for the following needs:

- Presentations we (Diversity Task Force) will be making at national Chi Alpha conference.
- God's help with strength and stamina during this last few weeks before we move. Lots to do and not enough time to do it.
- Divine help with writing of resources.
- God's grace to have the mind of Christ in the many situations we encounter.
- God's provision of an assistant for Belkis when we move to Florida to help carry administration load.

In the News

Nepal Christians Return to Worship after Earthquake Turns Churches into Tombs

"The evangelical churches have suffered terrible tragedies," Kala Bahadur Rokaya, general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Nepal. He feared more bad news was yet to come from mountainous and remote districts which have many evangelical churches.

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A Pastor's Faith in Baltimore

"...One young man said to me, 'You Frank Reid. My grandma made me go to your church when I was little.' I felt like a failure. How did I let this brother get away? But then it hit me. He remembered, and it was a positive memory."...There is an opportunity to touch a new generation - not to use them for church purposes but to empower them to fulfill their purpose in life..." [Read article](#)

Muslim Migrants Threw Christians Overboard

Muslims who were among migrants trying to get from Libya to Italy in a boat this week threw 12 fellow passengers overboard -- killing them -- because the 12 were Christians...

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Resources

Some Inadequate Responses to Baltimore

"The evangelical churches have suffered terrible tragedies," Kala Bahadur Rokaya, general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Nepal. "It will take time to count the deaths among Christians across Nepal." He feared more bad news was yet to come from mountainous and remote districts such as Gorkha, Sindhupalchok, and Nuwakot, which have many evangelical churches.

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King's Dream Remains an Elusive Goal

"Five decades after Martin Luther King's historic 'I Have a Dream' speech in Washington, D.C., a new survey by the Pew Research Center finds that fewer than half (45%) of all Americans say the country has made substantial progress toward racial equality and about the same share (49%) say that 'a lot more' remains to be done." in Greek university life.

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A Biblical Rationale for Diverse Churches

Between 1990 and 2009, the U.S. grew by 55,819,471 people. Over the same period, church attendance in the U.S. grew by 446,540 people (less than 1% of the total population growth). This decline was most pronounced in zip codes with fewer than 79% Anglo population. This says that the church is failing to reach ethnic minorities.. Building healthy multi-ethnic churches is an answer to reversing this trend. [Read more](#)