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TROY UNIVERSITY

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Hello family & friends,

I pray you and your family are doing well. God has been up to some good things at Troy University. I want to share some short stories about God ministering to students. May you be encouraged as you read.



Welcome to America Party

On January 19th, we had a Welcome to America Party for about 50 new international students at Troy. We had students from about 15 different nations attend. We had a meal, photo booth, and shared about XA. The highlight of the night was our spoons tournament which everyone enjoyed. This was a great relationship building event for our group.



Mardi Gras Party

On Feb 10-13th we hosted a XA team from the University of Louisiana Lafayette. They did an awesome job ministering to students on campus. As an outreach we had a Mardi Gras party. We had King cake, played games and talked with our international friends about Mardi Gras and Lent. It was a fun night and again some great friendships began as we met new students and deepened friendships with students already involved.



XAi Life Group

One of our prayers this winter was that our XAi Bible study would be more diverse. God has answered that prayer. We have around 12 students coming to our life group from 5 nations. We have been going through the parables of Jesus and they are really causing students to decide what they think about Jesus. One student from Vietnam gave her life to Jesus last month. Pray for the rest of these students that they would grasp the love of God and receive him in their hearts.



Student Spotlight

This month our student spotlight is on **Mike from China**. His major is Marketing and he will go back home in May. Below is Mike's story of what XA has meant to him this year.

“XA for me is just like a big family, everyone there is very friendly, and I have many good friends there. They invite me to every activity, I feel I’m really involved. I feel grateful to them for the friendship they give to me, I really enjoy it. People in XA also invite me to their house for a meal together, so I can know more about American culture, and this really satisfied my curiosity about American culture.

It is my first time and XA gives me the chance to truly get to know God, listen to God’s words and follow God’s will. I have really learned something, and my faith keeps growing. For me, XA led me into the way of following God, and it also gave me power to grow my faith, it teaches me how to be humble and kind.”



First Friday Fellowship

We have begun something new in our XAi ministry. The First Friday of each month we have invited students to our house for dinner and games followed by an open discussion about life’s big questions, which we discuss in an open format. I state the problem of the issue we are discussing that night and explain what the Christian worldview says about that. We then open the floor up for students to ask questions or to make comments. This Spring we have talked about: “Why we are here” and “Why is there evil in the world.” These topics have sparked some great discussions so far. Above is a picture of some of the students at our house. Pray that as we share the Gospel it would find good soil and bear eternal fruit.



Spring Retreat

We had another record turn out for our XA District Spring Retreat. Students from the University of Alabama, South Alabama, Montevallo and Troy met at the Springville Camp and Conference Center Feb 23-25th. Our Speaker was Glen Davis, the XA campus missionary at Stanford University. Glen did a great job addressing several topics from the book of Revelation. Our students were challenged by God's word and we had great times of ministry. Several students were baptized in the Holy Spirit and later in water. To the right is our worship team, which was able to lead worship along with the University of Alabama worship team. I was proud of the great job they did.

Thank You!

We appreciate your prayers and support of our ministry at Troy University. God has brought us students from around the world to learn at Troy University. Tomorrow they will be leaders spread out around the world. Your partnership helps us share the Gospel so that students can be reconciled to Jesus Christ! Thank you and God bless!

Richard, Dana, Joshua & Hannah



Prayer Requests:

- **Wednesday Night Worship**
TC Ballroom 7:30 pm.
- **Life Groups & XAi** that meet throughout the week.
- US Mission trips to **Austin Peay, Jacksonville State, and Murray State** Universities March 10-15th.
- Foreign trips to **Mali and Puerto Rico** March 9-18th.
- **Troy XA Golf Classic** at Lagoon Park Golf Course March 24th.
troychialpha.com/golf
- **XAi Easter Retreat** at Gulf Shores, AL March 30-April 1st.

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