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pacific northwest chi alpha update

Assemblies of God Missionaries to Students & Universities in Washington, Oregon, N. Idaho and Alaska

Missions news for our friends, family and partners

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Some Motivation Required

Greetings--

The past months have been challenging as I try to discover what "new normal" is following my heart attack last November.

I've learned all about "angina", "chest pain", "cardiac rehab" and a host of other heart related issues.

Honestly my time hasn't been easy and without the physical help and partnership of many people I can't imagine what the days would have been like.

Currently I'm in the middle of a fairly intense cardiac rehabilitation program designed to help my arteries construct a kind of "natural bypass".

The shirt sums it all up-- "Exercise, some motivation required!" My motivation-- 2 grandchildren & 1 on the way, a wonderful family, great friends and work that still needs to be done reaching 1000's of university students in the Pacific Northwest.

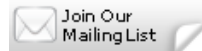
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Your financial support is urgently needed at this time to help us maintain our health insurance.

Thank you!

Vic Varis

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in the Pacific Northwest



About Us

Vic and Kathy have worked with [Chi Alpha Campus Ministries](#) as founding Oregon Directors beginning in 1989. [\(More...\)](#)

Today they serve as Pacific Northwest Area Directors for ministries and staff in Alaska, Washington, Northern Idaho and Oregon.

At home, they are part of a multi-organizational team directing [FOCUS](#) at Portland State, one of the largest Christian programs serving international in the United States. They also are pastor-directors for "[The 1748 House](#)" a residential student center for internationals and Americans.

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Coming Full Circle- From Atheist to Missionary

Annie (name changed), a self-proclaimed atheist, arrived from SE Asia just in time to join our annual Labor Day trip. We annually take up to 50 internationals to some tourist destination in our region.

During this trip she became friends with our staff, agreeing to take part in a Bible study. About a year later Annie responded to the gospel and was baptized.



She continued on attending our Chi Alpha Bible study, meeting with staff and completing a degree in Theology and Counseling.

Today she is returning to the northern frontier of her home country as a missionary to some of the unreached people groups that populate the area.

Annie is another example of the full circle of missions within Chi Alpha university ministries.

At Home

Kathy and I have enjoyed having our two grandsons Lewis and Evander with us every Thursday. Lewis who LOVES playing instruments turns 2 next month.

Evander is 17 months old and loves following his big brother everywhere.

THE BIG NEWS-- our oldest daughter will be having our third grandson this October! We're looking forward to another little guy. Grandparenting ROCKS!

Shannon & Alec returned from nearly a month shooting photos and videos for our AGWM staff in North Africa. Shannon is now in the midst of her wedding photo season.

Alec moved back to Portland from Hollywood, California and is now looking into options either here or in the Bay Area.



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