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*pacific northwest chi alpha update*

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Missions news for our friends, family and partners

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## "The 1748 Experience"

Sharing not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

[1 Thessalonians 2:8](#)

Dear ,

Summer marks a transitional time for our house ministry with students moving in and out.

In 1992 we set up house in our 4 floor, 9 bedroom, 4500 sf Portland Craftsman. Our plan from day 1 was to open our home to internationals, American students and young adults growing in their lives and ministry.

Since then well over 60 young men and women from more than 20 nations have shared our home, observing 24/7 what it means to follow Jesus in missional lifestyle.

Today seven women including 2 international students from Brazil and Japan are part of "the 1748 experience" with Kathy, myself and a community of young adult spiritual explorers coming and going day to day.

As a partner you make "living the Good News" a reality through your intercession, encouragement and sacrificial support of our ministry.

Thank you!

### Vic and Kathy Varis

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in the Pacific Northwest

**Your monthly financial support is urgently needed at this time to help us maintain our health insurance and house expenses.**



## About Us

Vic and Kathy have worked with [Chi Alpha Campus Ministries](#) as founding Oregon Directors beginning in 1989. Today they also serve as Pacific Northwest Area Directors for ministries and staff in Alaska, Washington, Northern Idaho and Oregon. Vic & Kathy with a multi-organizational team direct [FOCUS at Portland State](#), one of the largest Christian programs serving international students in the U.S. They are pastor-directors for "[The 1748 House](#)" a residential student center for internationals and Americans. [More about us](#)

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## "Even Your Dog is Happy!"

"All my friends are the world's best scientists... They are rich and have everything, but none of them are happy... and, I am not very happy."

We had no idea our house guest Li (name changed) was a world-class scientist when she moved in at 1748. She had left the United Nations working with nuclear energy research in Monaco to open a new laboratory near our home.

..."In your home, everyone is happy... Your son is happy--he makes me laugh!.. your husband is happy... all your children are happy... even your dog is happy!"

Finally Li asked the ultimate question, "What makes you so happy?"

In a few minutes Kathy shared the heart of the Gospel. Li chuckled a bit, leaving unconvinced. She continued closely observing our family.

That Spring, more than a year after that conversation, Li mentioned to Kathy, "Everywhere I go, everyone I see tells me that Jesus is very good and the Bible is a very good book... I have started to read my Chinese Bible each night before I go to sleep."

[Read the rest of the story here...](#)

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## At Home

Evander is our second little grandson. He loves animals- his favorite toy is a Fisher Price Animal Hospital. Each week when he visits he spends about an hour or so making sure each of his dogs, cats and tidars are still healthy!

He's also Mommy's boy. Thankfully Grandma and Grandpa have entered his circle of trust as well!

During the summer lots of little outings are planned with our little guys-- the zoo, Oregon Gardens, parks, picnics and time outside in the "1748 pool", their little 40 inch wader!

Next October Evander is in for a small shock when a third little brother joins the tribe! Hopefully he'll be able to share Mom without too much stress. We know all his grandpas, grandmas, aunts and uncles will just love him a little bit more to make up the difference!



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