



**Campus
Students For
CHRIST**



CSC House #49 in Juarez, Mexico completed in January 2017.



Financial Update

Budget: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Received: July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Budget: Received:

Churches:	\$58,000	\$28,465	49%
Individuals:	\$62,000	\$25,741	42%
Rent Income:	\$70,000	\$36,627	52%
WICEA Building Fund:	\$23,000	\$23,475	102%
General Building Fund:	\$77,000	\$41,789	54%

Memorial Gifts were received in honor of:
Robert Friedrich, Teresa Reed, Joan Deuger, Buzz Jones,
and Ken & Dorothy Durbin

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CSC - Where All the Blessings Start From



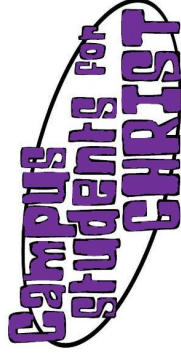
I am Xitong (Rebecca) Chen, from Shanghai, China. I just graduated from WIU (Dec. 2016) with the honors of Summa Cum Laude, Journalism Department Scholar, and student marshal. I spent three of my four and a half years living in the CSC house while studying abroad. To me, CSC means home, the place where all the blessings start from. I have been blessed by participating in various activities and making American friends at CSC. Most importantly, I have been blessed by the teaching from CSC which has helped me to grow spiritually.

When I first came to the United States, I was 17 and knew only text-book English and few living experiences. My mom kept reminding me to find a church right after I got into this entirely new country. With this message in my mind, I met Rebekah Byrnes during the International Orientation Week who later became my CSC roommate. Rebekah, as a servant leader by that time, who shared the same name with me, brought me to the Sunday Worship as well as introduced me to the CSC group. Although I was baptized in China and went to church regularly, **I did not realize how much I need from Him and how much He loves me** until I studied abroad. With the leading of the Holy Spirit and friendly welcome from the CSCers, I attended weekly bible studies, small groups, discipleship courses, and Sunday worship. I went to the mission trips in Juarez, Mexico building houses for families who need them. I got nominated to be a leadership team member and became the servant leader of the Proclaiming the Gospel team in 2015. And I learned to play drums then served in the worship band.

I've also been blessed by the teaching from CSC which has helped me to grow spiritually. The first lesson my Lord gave me was to put my pride down. I was always a leader in school and among my friends back in China who told others what to do and "judged" their work. At the time I arrived in America, everything needed to be started over - No one knew me here; my parents could not help me out; I had a hard time explaining myself to people in English... I needed to be told what to do because I had no idea at that point. Our **God used His own way to teach me to be humble step by step**. He sent me to a foreign country with language barriers as well as culture shocks so that I knew what fear was. He then let people from CSC help me out to get through each of these challenges so that I know what love was. With knowing that **He is my creator and my provider**, I gradually got the habit of reading the Bible and praying everyday. The amazing thing was that God even changed my personality. My city-girl poker face no longer existed but instead, people always saw smiles from me. I learned how to love each other with the perfect love He has shown me through CSC.

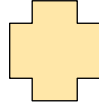
Without CSC, I would never have made all those good friends or got involved in these memorable activities. Without CSC, I would never grow to someone like this today. CSC is truly my home, and people in CSC are truly my family. I still cannot believe that I have already been with CSC in Macomb for more than four years. Congratulations to myself for getting through the easiest part of my life! What's next would be way more challenging - preparing for the GRE test, getting a master degree in Education Leadership, finding a job, applying for visa, and building my family (before I get too old, hopefully). I am sure **God will be with me no matter what situations are in any stage of my life**. And another thing that I am sure about is that I will always remember CSC, the place where all the blessings start from.





DEBT FREE CHALLENGE

Maximize your impact



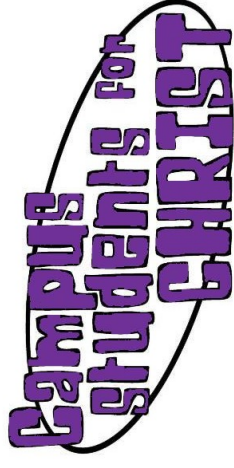
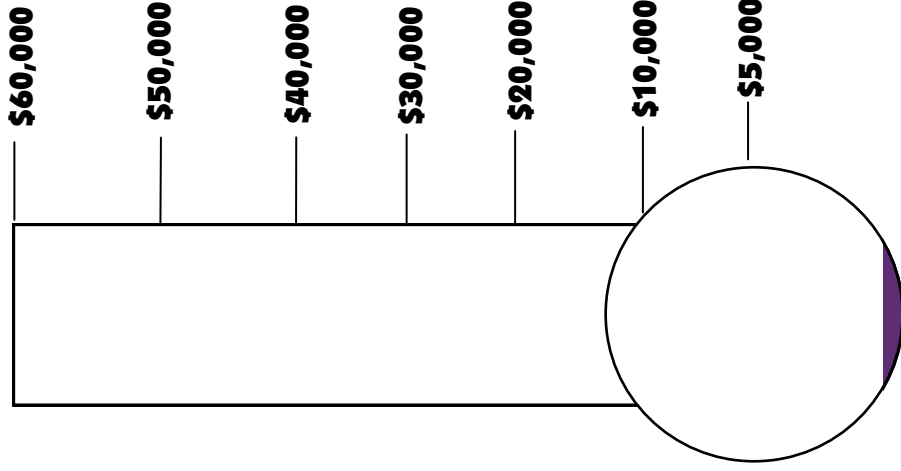
With a Matching Gift!

From January 1st to May 1st, any donations made to the CSC building fund will be matched (up to \$60K) That means we are only \$60,000 away from being **DEBT FREE!**

Can you **IMAGINE** that!?!

More Details inside.

This is not your typical newsletter!



Ephesians 3:20-21

“To him who is able to do immeasurably **more** than **we could** ever ask or **imagine**, be all glory and honor and praise, forever.”

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we are putting out this request. From now until May 1st, any donation made to the CSC building fund will be doubled. Our current debt for the new building project is \$120,000, so all it will take is \$60,000 from the students, alumni, parents, and friends of CSC. If you have never given to CSC in the past, or are able to give an additional donation toward the building fund, now is the time! Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of ensuring that we start the 2017-2018 school year completely debt-free in our new building.

Many routes to \$60,000

If 60 people give \$1,000

If 300 people give \$200

If 600 people give \$100

If all 1,200 on our mailing list give \$50.

We have no doubts that God will accomplish this, the question is:
Do you want to be a part of it?

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