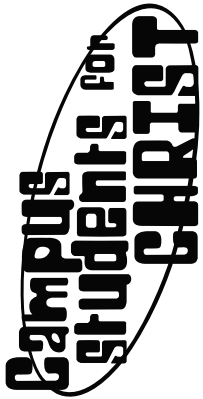


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Hello, my name is John Paul Mendoza, a graduate student from the Philippines. I was informed about Campus Students for Christ through a fellow Filipino friend of mine who used to live at CSC. To be honest, I was just looking for very simple housing in Macomb. I didn't expect this to become more than housing, but I found it is a place of people who center their life with God and a place where you maintain your personal relationship with God at all times. Everyday, from the moment you wake up till you fall asleep, you will always be spiritually reminded of the presence of God in your daily doings. I love interacting with different people, sharing thoughts and different views on God and His son Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ interacted with different people in many ways, even to the extent of people who committed heavy sin. There is no one perfect in us humans except for God. God likes us to learn how to interact with different people, because in His eyes, we are one big family. CSC teaches us the value of camaraderie and teamwork, in which success not only comes from oneself, but also through cooperation. Through serving God above all else, we have become committed to believing in His presence and serving Him not only through praying and study, but also through actions. It was a privilege to attend a mission trip to Dallas, Texas for Pioneer Bible Translators, along with my friends Avery, Shannon, Maddie, Keith, and Anupam. We got to know the process of spreading the Word through Bible translation into many languages around the world. It was also a great experience and learning to know the lives of missionaries who went to different countries and sacrificed themselves to spread the Word of God. The concept of martyrdom is one of the lessons that I've learned from this trip. I've learned that if you really believe and love God through your heart, then you must pledge an allegiance to God that you will believe and love Him, till death. I would like to thank Avery for this mission trip opportunity. CSC taught me how one person builds an personal relationship with God. Showing off to other people that you pray to God doesn't necessarily mean that you are already a hundred percent religious or devoted to God. We do not really have to show off to other people that we have faith in God, having faith with God should also come intrapersonally, and it is an intrapersonal firm choice of the individual. It is not really a matter of practicality, but rather, building up your personal relationship with God as a personal firm choice.



John Paul Mendoza

FROM THE DIRECTOR

At this point in the year, my desire is to sit back, reflect, enjoy, and celebrate all that God has graciously done for our ministry in the past 9-12 months. We do this for a week or two with our students as the school year wraps up, and we do this with each other as staff in meetings and meals and games together to top off the end of each spring season.

I believe that God designed us with this desire to celebrate the good things that He has done and the good that He is. We see it in the Sabbath rest He commanded, and we see it in the covenant with Moses. Jesus Himself says that the Shepherd will call together His neighbors to rejoice over the lost sheep that is found (Luke 15:6-7). So, as you read this newsletter and reflect on previous ones, rejoice with us for the Lord continues to find lost sheep on this dark campus.

At the same time, I also invite you to be a part of finding those sheep. The work is not always glorious or easy. Often it is hard, stressful, and even physically exhausting at times. As I write this note, Alicia is at Red Bird Missions with students pouring out of their own time and ability and resources to care for those who are hurting.

My invitation is that you pour out of your time, ability, and resources to continue to make this ministry of finding lost sheep a reality. This summer we have planned three half-day work days on June 10th (carpet cleaning), July 8th (waxing floors), and July 22nd (repainting rooms and stairwells). We plan to work from 8 a.m. to noon and will provide lunch each day. We have a summer conference in North Carolina that we would appreciate assistance in financing. We have \$2 dinner slots this fall and spring that your church, youth group, or small group could fill by contacting Alicia (alicia@wiucsc.org) for details.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the dates for our Pan de Vida mission trip to Quito, Ecuador as March 9th-16th. We would be honored to have you join us in person, prayer, or financial aid to serve the people of Ecuador. Contact me at avery@wiucsc.org for more information.



Our intern, Shannon, along with 3 students shared their stories during Testimony Night.

PICTURES FROM CSC



Shannon took 5 girls on a mission trip to Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch. They hauled wood for their homes, helped with renovations, and spent time with the families at the ranch.



Alumni, supporters, and students attended the Spring Open House. Activities included cotton candy, inflatables, face painting, and games.



The ladies held a Women's Retreat at Roseville Christian Church. Hannah West taught on the discipline of prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal year is July 1-June 30

	As of 5-10-23	Budgeted
Church gifts:	\$52,821.73	\$58,000
Individual:	\$58,292.87	\$78,500
Rent Income:	\$52,405.93	\$35,000
Building Fund	\$1,685.06	

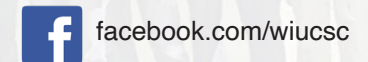
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