

October 3, 2001

Dear Family & Friends,

Steve and Tim stood on the bench in the middle of campus as students hustled by on their way to class or relaxed on the lawn nearby. With compassion and humility they began to share about their faith in Jesus and the ways He had changed their lives. Some students ignored them, some walked faster, and some mocked - but a few listened. The Word of God began to shake them out of their spiritual slumber as they were forced to examine their lives and ask some hard questions. Meanwhile, Chi Alpha students and staff mingled through the crowd to answer them as best they could.



During the first weeks of school we talked with many students.



Our 70's Luau party drew over 100 students. Check out those cool threads!

Open air preaching is only one of the ways we reach out to students during the beginning of the semester here at Montana State University. We also hosted many fun events like movie nights, hikes, game nights, bowling and pool, trips to Yellowstone Park, and the infamous 70's Luau Party! While the 70's party has become a bit of a tradition here at MSU, this year was the first time it was combined with a luau. Students dressed up in their tackiest 70's clothes, accented with Hawaiian shirts and leis, to compete for best costume and of course, do the limbo! ☺ It was a great event and many new people came to check it out.

How about the internship?

The internship is also well underway. I've met the nine staff members here, along with the other interns, and have been very impressed. So far we've been studying Christian theology and pastoral concerns while doing outreach, meeting new students, and starting up several small group Bible studies. We're also planning our first retreat, scheduled for this weekend, that we hope will be a real bonding time for the group, especially the new students.



Food always attracts students!

Finally, thank you for all of your prayers and financial support! Without you it would be impossible for me to be here. I would love to hear from you so please note my new address, phone number, and email address included in this letter.

Your missionary to the secular university,