



AIMers at the Sunset Trunk-or-Treat

## Area Church – Sunset church of Christ

The Sunday before we left for Paducah was by far the busiest day we have had at Sunset, and it was all because of one thing: potluck. This Sunday was Mission Sunday, and to go along with the special contribution, they had a potluck meal. Now, don't get me wrong, I love a good potluck. I'm used to having one every Sunday back at the Valley church of Christ in Wasilla, but this was different. Having to set-up, serve, and clean-up for 300-400 people is a lot of work, especially when you have to keep switching out empty dishes and run out of tea. It all went well, though, and the church was able to raise more than their budget needed.

At the end of the month for Halloween, there was a trunk-or-treat in the Sunset parking lot. This was a blast, as the Sunset AIMers and quite a few others got to dress up and help out with the festivities while 2000+ kids and families came and enjoyed a nice, safe way of celebrating the day.

## Summary

Here we are, refreshed from a 2 week journey that traversed 7 states and 2600+ miles, heading right on into the second term of AIM. All the field presentations are wrapped-up, classmates are talking to each other trying to make the perfect team with their best friends, and all the while classes are going on with homework consuming the remainder of our free time. Holiday plans are a big topic with Thanksgiving coming up so soon, and everyone can't wait for Christmas time for the reveal of the teams. With all this hubbub going about, stress is pretty high right now, and I'm sure that everyone will be glad once we finally get done with picking teams.

## Classes

So the start of a new term means new classes! I'm super excited to see how these classes will help me grow in my Christian walk and having a closer relationship with God. We've only had these classes for about 2 weeks now, so here is a quick overview of each:

**Romans** – We are going through the book of Romans with Charles Speer and learning what Paul was writing to the Roman church in the context of when it was written and how it can apply to us today.

**New Testament Church** – Victor Ellison shows the examples of how the church acted and behaved in the New Testament so we know how we should be acting now.

**Spiritual Disciplines** – Teaching us to journal daily, spend time in solitude, fasting; these are some of the ways Pat Sheaffer is disciplining our spiritual walk to have a closer relationship with God.

**Acts** – Ray Young is leading us through the Acts of the Apostles to show us how they taught and spread the Gospel and what we can learn from their example.



Meeting up with Ben Baker at the Global Missions Conference

## Prayer Requests

- There are multiple classmates with family members who are battling cancer.
- The class is preparing to submit lists of our top fields and classmates.
- The AIM staff as they form the teams over the next month.

## Upcoming Events

**Nov 5:** AIM class submitting lists of top fields and classmates

**Nov 7-9:** Sunset middle school retreat

**Nov 22-30:** Thanksgiving break

## 2014 AIM Fields

With the class getting ready to submit our top fields, I thought it would be a good idea to let you guys know what fields are available to this year's class. These are in no particular order.

**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Ft. Collins, Colorado**

**Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras**

**Sucre, Bolivia**

**San Antonio, Texas**

**Mexico City, Mexico**

**Phoenix, Arizona**

**Miami, Florida**

**East Kilbride, Scotland**



The new AIM bus

## Paducah Trip

The highlight of this month would probably have to be the long, 2-week trip the class took at the beginning of the month. It was the first trip we took with the new paint job on the bus, which was kept a secret until the big reveal in Paducah, KY to the church who donated the bus to AIM. I could write many pages about this trip, but I will try to talk about all the big parts here now.

Our first stop on the trip was HUT, a camp owned and run by Harding. Here, the class had a very intense mission experience as we were in not so great living conditions based on developing countries while we were put through simulations demonstrating different scenarios of living in these countries. This really brought the class together as a whole, and we all learned to appreciate what we have a lot more.

Next, we went to Paducah, KY where we stayed with the Lone Oak church of Christ, who donated the bus. This is one of the nicest churches I have been to, as well as being very mission-minded both locally and abroad. While we were with them, we helped with an annual free fish fry they have for the community every year. The families we stayed with were extremely generous people, opening their houses to us and even showing us around the town. This church has left a lasting impression on me that will never go away.

The last big stop of the trip was at the Global Missions Conference in Memphis. Seeing how large the mission community is in the church was very encouraging, and the classes there taught me a lot about what to expect in and out of the field. I was also able to see Pete, Tammie, and Ben Baker as well as Bill and Amanda Williams, all people I know from Alaska who have moved, while I was there and catch-up with them.

During the trip, there were multiple churches that hosted us for a night, including a couple home congregations of some people in the AIM class. We also got to visit the recently opened Discovery Park of America, which is a really unique museum of sorts. All-in-all, this is a trip that I will remember for many years to come.



## Just Around the Corner

It is crazy for me that in about 6 weeks, I will be flying home for Christmas and know what field I'm going to and with whom. Everything before AIM feels like a lifetime ago, but at the same time it seems to be going along so quick. All I know for sure is that God has a plan for me, and that I am here to follow it.

I'm excited to see how this term and the teams end up working out. Be sure to be praying for everyone here as fields are being chosen and not let the stress get to us. Thank you for your interest and support, and God bless!

**"IN PEACE I WILL BOTH LIE  
DOWN AND SLEEP; FOR YOU  
ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME  
DWEEL IN SAFTEY."  
PSALM 4:8 (ESV)**



Checking out the flood wall in Paducah



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Display piece at Discovery Park of America