

# The Challenge

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## Summer in Kazakhstan

By Phil Kim, SEAS '01

**H**ey guys! I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for a new school year. I just want to share briefly about my summer experience. I hope that I will be able to see all of you to tell you more about my summer and to learn more about your summers as well. Initially I was upset that I wouldn't be working and getting paid this past summer, but as the day to leave NYC drew nearer I became very excited. What an honor it would be to go as God's representative to an exotic foreign land to do the greatest work of all. Well,

Kazakhstan, one of the former republics of the Soviet Union, was very foreign but not quite so exotic. And my excitement faded very fast while I was away.

The first week of the trip was spent traveling; 21 and 5 hour plane rides, 16 hour layovers, and 24 hour train rides were the norm. But despite the tediousness of it I had a blast. We were strongly encouraged to read some Christian books and memorize the Four Spiritual Laws, but most of my time was spent playing Spades and just goofing around. I figured that it would be dif-

ferent once we were settled in Kazakhstan. We would be busy with many things, and yet three weeks would be more than enough time to do everything we planned. Unfortunately, we were busy with many things and yet my attitude did not change much.

We taught English for three weeks at the Medical University in the capital city of Astana. The first week in Astana was grueling. We had to organize all the classes and prepare our lessons. And everyday we would have quiet times, meet in small groups,

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## The Challenge

By Bob Koo CC '00

**T**o all:

I welcome you not in my own imperfect state, but in the everlasting grace of God. We have decided to name our newsletter "The Challenge" and rightly so. Our mission statement, shown on the back of this newsletter, includes a desire to "challenge the Columbia community of Jesus." Our 1999-2000 theme is

to "Let it be known that Christ is Lord" (based on 2 Corinthians 4:5). At Campus Crusade for Christ, we truly long to see this campus saturated with the gospel, that all peoples would have an opportunity to say "Yes!" to the saving grace of Jesus. We are not just a fellowship, but a ministry; we want to be moving this campus closer to the living God.

So once again, welcome! I sincerely hope that you will join us in all that we do as we look to fulfill the Great Commission--to go and make disciples! Glory in the Highest.



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## "Let it be known that Christ is Lord"

By Esteban Kim SEAS '02

*"The time an individual spends in college often has a tremendous impact on the course of his later life. What he learns and what he does not learn, what he experiences and does not experience, what opportunities he discovers and fails to discover, what he comes to believe and what he comes to doubt, all influence in a vital way the career decisions he will need to make during and after his time in school. The environment in which a student spends his college days works to condition his world view and thus to delineate and clarify his personal horizons. As he begins his life work, he can only direct himself towards horizons which are, for him, VISIBLE." -Wallstrom-*

Dear brothers & sisters, we as collegians are privileged to be placed in a position of great influence. Many times all of us including I forget why we as Christians still roam this forsaken earth or forget our purposes as saved ones: I ask is it to love God? Well, I think that's part of it but I believe that we can do much better in heaven without so much distractions. Then is it to worship Him with all of our hearts? We are not capable of worshipping with all our hearts, mind and soul in this fleshly state. It would've been best if God took us is we were only to worship. All this though, is necessary to perform our purpose: to preach Christ as Lord. There is no better time or place to put our focus on proclaiming Jesus today to those who will be of greater influence tomorrow. I know that CCC is an outreach

ministry and I have not neglected that. I praise God for what He has done with this ministry. Of course I'm not also proposing that we all go out as CCC and preach to the campus-HAHAHA! I'm only proposing that Christ be preached as Lord. Many may say that this is all trite and should already be evident in our lives, but I challenge you when was the last time someone called you a bigot for proclaiming Christ as Lord and the only way? Well, when was the last time you spoke to someone the saving Grace of our Lord? I myself am guilty of silence too. I saw evangelism only as a branch of the things to do and that it was mainly for the bold, like the preachers, evangelists like Billy Graham. But no, God calls not only them but us too! And college is

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and share endlessly in family worships. Those times were a true blessing, and yet so many times all I wanted to do was sleeping in my bed. Honestly, my quiet times were pretty darn quiet, and most of my free time was spent playing chess or sleeping also. When some of us began missing breakfast because we were so tired, more free time was allotted. And as you can guess, most of that time was spent goofing around also.

So, what did I get out of missions? Nothing? Some new chess moves? A small desire to teach English to some Kazakhs? No, much more than that. In such a new environment which lacked the distractions from back home, the Holy Spirit led me to look deep within myself. I saw a selfish person desiring above all comfort for himself. But thankfully God did not leave it at that. As our missions trip was coming to a close He gave me the opportunity to share the Fours Spiritual Laws with one of my students.

Arman was an atheist and yet we were able to read through all four laws con-

cerning God, man's sin, Jesus Christ, and faith. As I tried to explain the concept of eternal life to him I realized that he would die without it. How could I have waited so long, three long weeks, to share with my newfound friend. And I earnestly longed for him to experi-

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ence the grace of God through the salvation that Christ offers.

Where is Arman now? He is on the other side of the world, and yet I pray for him that he may come to know the Lord, so that he may have eternal life, and a fulfilled life on earth. God softened my heart, but not only for Arman, also

for my friends back home who would also die without salvation.

I pray that God will continually soften my heart so that I may pray earnestly for Arman and my friends whenever I see them or remember them. For I know that it is Him who can draw them into His presence and the Holy Spirit who can change people's lives. May we all have a softened heart, whether through going halfway around the world for missions or staying right here in NYC, through the working of the Holy Spirit so that we will pray for the lost and take joy when we see God's people turn back to Him.

Shalom

Phil =>

If you want to know more about the 4 Spiritual Laws, Contact Small Group Leaders or Staff.

# What about Committees?

## Campus Outreach

Please contact Phil Kim, Judy Lee or Winnie Tsiang for more information.

## Fundraising

My name is Phil Chen, and I'm with the Fundraising Committee this year. CCC needs money to continually spread

His Word throughout campus, and Fundraising has the answer to the money issue. Our job is to raise money so that we at CCC can work with CU and the greater NYC area community, sharing God's Love with everyone. We are here to spread God's Word, and we can't do it without funds to spend. So c'mon and join the Fundraising Committee! We'll make money for the cause, and we'll even try to take the FUN in fundraising, and make it work for us!

## Missions

*"Missions exists because worship doesn't."* -John Piper-

The Missions committee of CCC serves the larger body to create awareness for missions. Our mission fields encompass not only Columbia University and New York City but also the entire global world. In addition, its goal is to present available missions opportunities to the students motivating everyone to take part in God's Great Commission. If you have a heart for New York City or a burden for the lost of the world, by joining the Missions Committee you can discover for yourself how to serve God in spreading His gospel. For more information, contact Esther Ra at X3-4591 or er187. Thank you.

## Prayer

Hey CCC! Well, I hope everyone's had a great summer... and a special "hey how ya doin'" to the first-years!! We're the prayer committee leaders, Esteban Kim, Paul Kim, Ken Woo, Peter Yim, Jiwon Lee and Kyung-Sun Hwang. We get together every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to pray. See the weekly programs/announcement sheets. Please join us for prayer! Let's see the power of prayer on this campus!

## Service

Join Service Committee! It's a great way to get involved and learn just how CCC functions. We're responsible for large group and lots of the events that CCC holds. You don't need any special skills, just the willingness to make our fellowship a more supportive community. We have lots of fun, and get to know lots of people. For more info, contact Lillian Ho at x37584 or e-mail h146@columbia.edu.

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proof: no one is in a better position than us for evangelism. Many times we get caught up in our routine lives and lose sight of our purpose. College is no longer seen as a privilege but as a burden. We let the environment (world) and ourselves slowly seep into our lives and soon Jesus is no longer Lord of our lives. How can we proclaim Jesus as Lord, especially in our lives, when He is not even Lord of our lives. How is this overcome? Well this all depends on the relationship between God and each of us. (It also depends how much of "me" is in my life.) Worship is a good barometer but it is between an individual and God as to how Jesus is Lord of our lives.

But in all this, I'm calling to your attention on what the first line of our CCC mission Statement declares, "to challenge the Columbia Community with the Gospel of Jesus." Yes, I'm saying that we'd be directly challenged as Christian collegians to witness or proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord— starting in our lives and being servants.

Here's the verse "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5

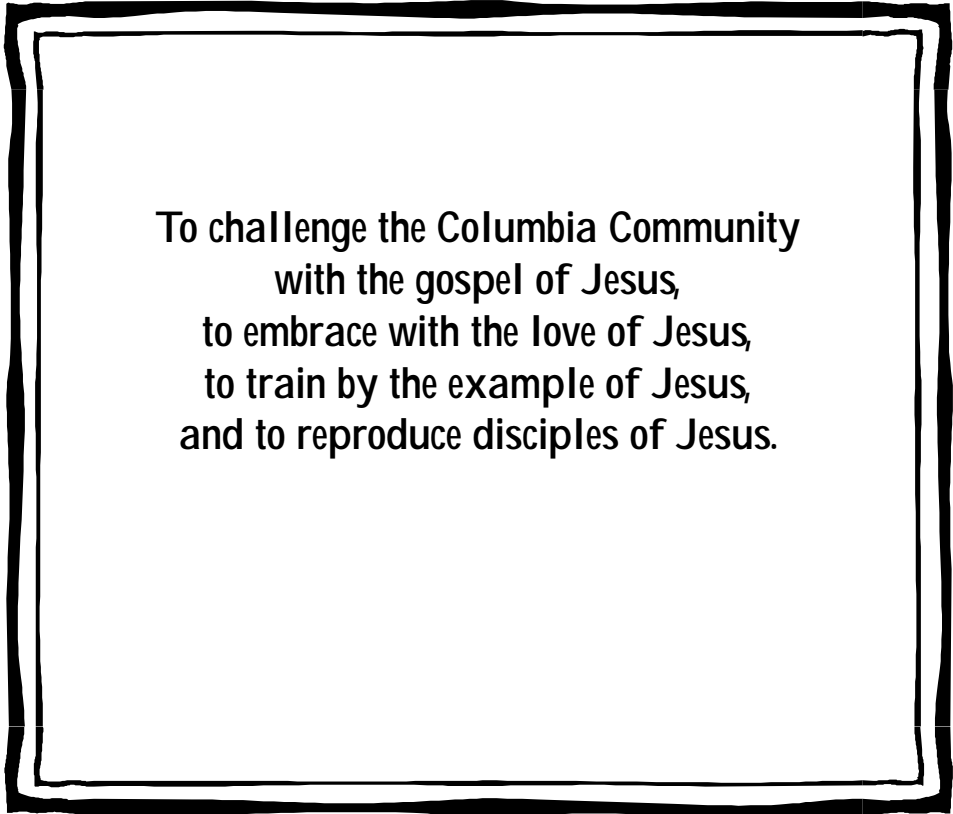
Let it be known that Christ is Lord.

# What are Small groups?

Small Groups are the foundation of our ministry. They serve as smaller bodies of the larger ministry in which members come together in single sex environments and partake in Bible study, fellowship and prayer. Joining a small group provides an additional source of accountability while at school. They meet once a week and are led by upperclassmen of our ministry. They are open to everyone whether you are a Christian or a non-Christian. They are a great way to find out more about the Christian faith, be encouraged in your walk with God, and a way to meet new people or get involved in the ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Windy Thompson at x3-5078 or wt40@columbia.edu or Esther Ra at x3-4591 or er187@columbia.edu. Thank you.

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 : **shout out page to encourage**  
 : **each other, please email**  
 : **the shout outs to**  
 : **ccc@columbia.edu, and**  
 : **they'll appear in the next**  
 : **issue of The Challenge!**  
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**Fall Retreat**  
**September 24-25**  
**Pastor John Chung**  
**Forest Hills Retreat**  
**Center**  
**\$30 before 9/20**  
**\$35 before 9/24**  
**Contact Jenny Ko**  
**x34590**



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with the gospel of Jesus,  
to embrace with the love of Jesus,  
to train by the example of Jesus,  
and to reproduce disciples of Jesus.**

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