

February 24, 2008

Dear CBS Alum,

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands." - Deuteronomy 7:9

God's faithfulness. It never ceases to amaze me. As I write this letter, I am filled with thanksgiving and peace. Thanksgiving for the way that He has blessed and grown us this year, and peace knowing that He will continue His work long after we leave gorges Ithaca. I truly thank God for giving me the privilege to be a part of this ministry and His kingdom.

Although you are no longer physically present to share in our ministry here on campus, you will always be part of our spiritual family. Through the years, all of you have laid down the groundwork for us to seek an intimate relationship with the almighty God of this universe. God is still using prayer partnerships, Bible studies, and weekly prayer meetings to pour out His blessings into the lives of current CBSers. We want to thank you, not only for the prayer and financial support, but also for your faithful service and for allowing us to reap the fruits of your labor.

This year, God has been leading our fellowship to desire lives of **transformation**. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:18, *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the LORD's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the LORD, who is the Spirit.* Once we experience a real encounter with God, our lives will never be the same again. As we see the incomprehensible worth and glory of Christ, we would passion after Him and our lives would be radically different. It is our goal to cultivate in the fellowship a desire to throw off all the chains of this world, the sin that so easily entangles, and allow the Spirit to permeate into every area of our daily lives. We want full, single-minded devotion to our Lord, as we continue to witness the powerful work of His Spirit in and through us, the same Spirit that worked in and through the apostles in Acts.

As the Spring semester is underway, we feel God leading our fellowship to explore transformation by returning to the basics of discipleship – consecrating ourselves and living a life that is pleasing to God. Recognizing that discipleship is a life-long journey, we also know that God calls us to continue working out our salvation with fear and trembling. In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2 it says: *Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know that instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.* Through the instructions found in the Word, we want to emphasis the message of the gospel, because it is only through the salvation and power of Christ that all this is possible. As we see the gospel more clearly, we are confident in the Lord that God will show us that Christ is our treasure (Matthew 13:44-46) for whose sake we would choose to lose all things of this world (Philippians 3:8). We ask for your prayers, for sensitivity to God's guidance throughout the rest of this semester. We also ask for you to partner with us in praying for the many seekers and young Christians that God has blessed us with this year. Pray that God will water and nourish the seeds that He has planted, that one day they will bear much fruit.

Since CBS continues to receive the majority of its funding from alumni donations, we humbly request your continued support for this ministry. Your

financial support has allowed us to reach out through coffeehouses, care packages, and after-CBS-events (ACE). You have helped send a number of CBS missionaries across the world, as well as support students to take part in retreats and conferences. This year we had 60 people come out to our winter retreat – an incredible blessing but more than our cars could handle, so we had to charter a bus. Once again it was thanks to alumni support that allowed us to make sure everyone was able to get to winter retreat on time, rested, and ready to learn. God is still moving at CBS! If you would like to continue partnering with us in prayer and finances, please fill out and return the slip below.

Finally, in the alumni section of our website you can find the Fall '07 edition of "Bread of Life," in case you would like to know in greater detail what God is doing in our family: <http://rso.cornell.edu/cbs/alumni/index.html>.

All glory to God, for his unwavering devotion to the building of His kingdom.

Your fellow servants in Christ,

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I would like to partner through: (please check all that apply)

Prayer: Weekly

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(Please make cheques out to "**Chinese Bible Study**")

Please also indicate if you would like your donation used in a particular way:

- General** – funding for most fellowship activities (food/snacks, financial assistance for retreats, welcoming)
- Worship** – funds used to purchase and maintain sound equipment, worship music licenses
- Missions** – used to fund evangelistic activities (i.e. coffeehouse) and to support missions trips

(If you have no preference, your donation will be placed into the General Fund)