

August 2009

INTERVARSITY

Praise for what God has done

- New life with Jesus for Nic
- Student leaders trained and empowered at IVLI
- 4 New Staff hired to serve in the Division
- 70 new Christians last year on campuses in our Division

Special Items for Prayer

✓ For IV chapters to effectively reach new students in the next few weeks as classes resume this Fall.

✓ For 20 new ministry partners to financially and prayerfully support our ministry.

✓ For Byron and Michelle as they equip and mentor staff. Pray for wise planning and coaching.

Transforming Leadership

What a summer it was at InterVarsity's Leadership Institute. A full month with 80 student leaders and 20 staff from the Midwest proved to be the perfect pressure cooker for growth. Our desire is to see students transformed from cynic to seeker to follower to leader to world changer, and that's just what happened...



Seeker to follower

Our nephew joined us at Cedar Campus with desperate need for a new direction in life. As he saw the authentic lifestyle of InterVarsity students, God's Spirit opened his heart. So one pivotal night, he gave his life to the Lord while sitting in the sauna with a group of friends. We spent the summer watching Nic be changed... his demeanor, his values, his relationships, his dreams. Nic's desire now is to attend Urbana, pursue a college degree, and serve in an InterVarsity fellowship. Our God rescues!



Follower to leader

Anne came to Leadership Institute as the only student from Aurora University. The IV chapter on her campus was still in early planting stages, and Anne was a self-proclaimed introvert. Shy and timid, Anne knew that just attending would be a stretch for her. But over the month, Anne had opportunities to share her faith, cast vision, and rise to leadership challenges. Anne is returning to campus with a fire for ministry, having traded her fears for eager leadership.



Leader to world-changer

Judit was one of many international students at Cedar Campus. As a student leader in Serbia, she was sent by IFES (the Serbian InterVarsity) to Leadership Institute to bring back this training to her country. She is one of the brightest leaders in the country and now is being recruited on staff to serve in Serbia or Croatia. Judit not only grew into a more godly and effective leader herself, but will also return to eastern Europe to effect thousands of other students.



Byron teaching about "The Leader's Call" at IVLI

On Campus on Purpose

Pray for Divisional Schools:

AURORA UNIVERSITY
ROOSEVELT & COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
MORAIN VALLEY / JOLIET JR COLLEGE
ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE
ROCKFORD COLLEGE
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
LEWIS UNIVERSITY / PURDUE – CALUMET

God is providing more workers for the harvest...

Barney Lin was a student at Northwestern University where he studied communications and graduated in June 2009. He grew up in Singapore where his father is a pastor there. As a student leader, Barney has been successful in helping everyone feel a part of the fellowship as someone who has lived in Eastern & Western cultures. Please pray for his transition from student leader to staff worker this Fall.



Jenny Fung was also a student at Northwestern University and a great student leader in the fellowship. She graduated in June of this year. As she was considering grad school or serving one year with InterVarsity, God led her to serve at the University of Illinois at Chicago with the Asian American fellowship. This is a growing fellowship in need of a staff worker. Please pray for transition and to raise her budget quickly.



Graham Family Update

We had a great time as a family in Michigan. Hiking on trails, spotting wild animals, building forts in the trees, swimming, making sand-castles, taking boat rides, and the attention of college students... Cedar Campus is a kid's paradise!

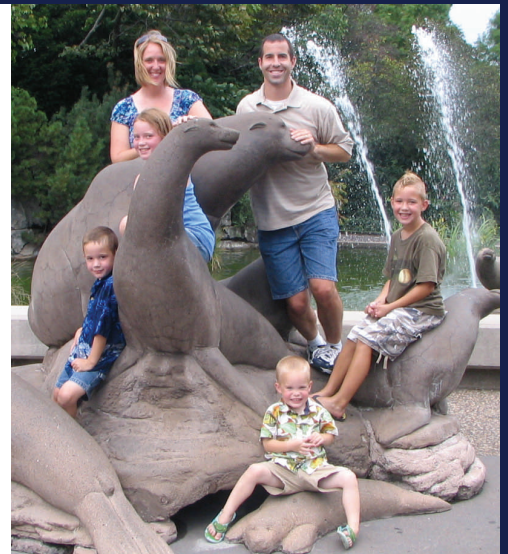
Though still in DeKalb, God keeps our hopes for moving alive. We were heartbroken when the contract we signed in May was broken just weeks before closing. However we have since signed yet another contract, which is home-sale contingent. Please pray for their townhouse to sell!

This summer we celebrated 15 years of marriage. It was fitting that our anniversary landed during a conference, as we're

thankful for the ways God has used our relationship to partner in ministry.

August also brought us difficult news that Michelle's mom was diagnosed with cancer. Though the news is still fresh, we are grateful for the many people who have been praying for our family.

To everyone's delight... it's back to school time! We can hardly believe that Natalie is beginning 5th grade, with Josh in 2nd and Jason in 1st! We have been waking up each morning to 3 eager kiddos, already dressed and lunches made! (Hmmm. How long will that last?) The quiet house has made for one lonely Tyson. His first question upon waking after a nap: "When Joshie coming?"



For Christ and the University
Byron & Michelle Graham

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