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**INTERVARSITY**

### **Praise for what God has done**

- Students that attended the Divisional Fall Retreat and what they learned.
- Jason's successful tonsil surgery
- Many students in Northern Illinois who have committed their lives to Jesus

### **Special Items for Prayer**

✓ For Ornis, that he would choose a personal relationship with Jesus

✓ For InterVarsity's AIDS awareness week at Northern Illinois Univ. and students' efforts in justice and evangelism. (Oct 13-18)

✓ For the ministry at Northwestern, that God would bless each of their IV fellowships with new students as they kick off the year.

✓ Pray for safe travel and solid preparation for both of us as we lead and teach at several conferences.

## **Divisional Fall Retreat**

### **Lunch at Fall Retreat**



The Fall Retreat is a time for students to deepen their friendships, deepen their relationship with God, and just sneak away from campus. Six campuses gathered together to share their Fall retreat this year: NIU, Rock Valley, Rockford College, Lake Forest, DePaul, and Joliet Jr. College. Here are a few comments from students:

*Thanks for this weekend. I needed it and I saw the Lord's greatness through the efforts of the staff. It makes me want to deepen my involvement with InterVarsity.*

*I learned so much! I need to love others the way Jesus loves others. I am going to try to be a better leader in my chapter.*

*Christian fellowship is necessary!*

*Evangelism can be applied to many different settings in many different ways. I need to bring non Christians alongside what I am already doing.*

## **Freedom in America**

Ornis is a freshman international student at Lake Forest College who attended an InterVarsity Bible study. After students were given the opportunity to commit to following Jesus, Ornis raised his hand and asked if he could speak to the group.

He said, "I am from Kosovo and I am Muslim. I've never heard a Christian sermon before and I've never been to a Christian church. No one has ever come to Kosovo to tell my people about Jesus. I now know why America is the best country in the world, because you can tell people about Jesus here. I don't know what you all thought about tonight, but this is the best thing I've ever heard! I have a Koran and a Bible. I'm going to read them both, and I'll be back. I have not given up my family's religion,

but whatever you want me to do for you to help, I will do it!"

Ornis is very excited about a personal God who gets involved in our lives. He doesn't like having to go through anyone to get to God; he wants to go directly to him. Please pray for God to convict him of the truth of Jesus being the only way to the Father, and for our Father to draw him to His Son Jesus!

We have been encouraged that we can never lose when we sow the incorruptible seed of God's Word into someone's heart. Isaiah 55:11- "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

# On Campus on Purpose—Northwestern University

## Pray for Divisional Schools :

AURORA UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBIA COLLEGE  
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO  
LAKE FOREST COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MORAIN VALLEY COLLEGE  
ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE  
ROCKFORD COLLEGE  
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
COLLEGE OF DUPAGE / HARPER COLLEGE  
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY  
LEWIS UNIVERSITY / PURDUE – CALUMET  
SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE



InterVarsity at Northwestern is a family of ministries whose purpose is to establish and advance witnessing

communities. In order to do so, we have several different ministries that come together strategically for training, evangelism, and worship. We love to see students lead their friends to see Jesus in fresh new ways and in the process see more who God is.

**MEIV** seeks to follow Jesus by embodying the wonderful ethnic diversity of NU. We work to create a **new community of authentic relationships** and to show the life-changing power of God.

**La Fe** seeks to embrace the way God has formed us through our **Latino ethnicity and culture**, learning how God formed us uniquely to change the world.

**AAIV** desires to understand our unique calling as **Asian American followers of Jesus** who serve Him wholeheartedly and holistically.

**Greek-IV** digs for a **deeper definition of sisterhood and brotherhood** through a common

commitment to being transformed by Christ in order to transform the Greek System and the world. Also included is Wonderfully Made, a ministry to women at NU.

**House on the Rock** is on campus to serve the **black community at Northwestern**, growing in our love for Jesus Christ and witness to His work in our lives.

As a quarter school, NU ministry is just getting rolling for the year. Please pray for the outreach efforts of NU students, and for the synergy created between each of these ministries of InterVarsity at Northwestern University. Pray also for the staff team at NU to work well in support of one another.



## Graham Family Update



For Christ and the University

*Byron & Michelle Graham*

Thank you for your prayers for Jason's surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoid. He was a brave little boy. We've already noticed that he's breathing and sleeping better, but he's provided us with some comic relief ... his low, scruffy voice now sounds more like a cartoon character! Maybe this means a future career in voice-over work.

Tyson turns 1 on Oct 20. He is almost walking - he can do it, but doesn't think he can. (Hmm, sounds like us sometimes, doesn't it?)

Our house has not yet sold. We came close to a deal last month only to watch it fall through, which was terribly disappointing. But God has been using this LONG process to shape and mold us. We've been wrestling with tough questions: *What do you want us to learn or pay attention to? How do we pray boldly yet patiently? What do we really be-*

*lieve about who God is? What's a healthy way to handle stress and disappointment in in our marriage?* As a result we are learning to be thankful for the blessings of our situation. Life is full of ministry travel, which we would appreciate prayer for:

**Oct 17:** Michelle speaks to U of I Greeks

**Oct 18:** Byron speaks at UW-Madison

**Oct 26-28:** Michelle leads workshop at Midwest Women's Staff Conference

**Nov 1:** Michelle speaks at NIU

**Nov 2-3:** Michelle speaks at conference for high school girls in Evansville, IN

**Nov 9-11:** Byron helps lead Vision (regional conference for black students)

**Nov 12-13:** Byron trains new staff at Formation retreat

**Dec 10-13:** Byron attends Regional Staff meetings

**Jan 2-6:** Byron and Michelle attend National Staff Conference in St. Louis

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