

InterVarsity in Northern Illinois & NW Indiana

February 2010

Winterfest 2010

Join us in praying for our annual divisional training conference for students in Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana. (Feb 19-21) Every year we hear stories of how students are set free from sin, or gain a passion and confidence for evangelism, or learn transforming leadership skills. Some even make first time commitments to Jesus. Deeper friendships. Renewed vision. Ignited zeal to spread the gospel. May God transform our campuses!



More Laborers

We praise God for the number of staff candidates who are applying for ministry positions this year. We are in the process of interviewing and then hiring them for this coming school year. Please pray for wisdom for all the directors as they place staff on campuses throughout Northern Illinois. Pray for those who are hired to raise their budget in time for the new school year

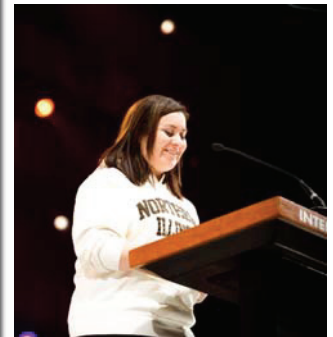
PLEASE PRAY

- ✓ For students to have a transformational experience at Winterfest 2010
- ✓ For God to continue providing for our ministry budget and faithful supporters to add to our team.
- ✓ For the search for a new church and friendships, and that our family would be salt and light to our neighborhood.

Urbana 09

Praise God for these commitments

- 2,232 decided to re-commit, or commit for the first time, to follow Jesus.
- 5,043 committed to invite someone who is not a follower of Jesus to study the first four chapters of the Gospel of John.
- 2,676 committed to serve long-term (two years or longer)
- 4,990 committed to serve short-term (one week to two years)



Marilyn gives a testimony

"He dwelt among us" was the theme for the conference as we explored how Jesus came to earth and "moved into the neighborhood". Studying John 1-4, we were challenged to dwell among those who don't yet know Him.

Hundreds of students from the Division were able to attend the conference. One student, Marilyn Ramirez from Northern Illinois University, shared a testimony from the stage. She gave witness to God's faithfulness in her life as she spent last summer in Kenya serving Aids orphans. She challenged students to put their future in God's hands and make missions a permanent part of their lives. Marilyn was one of the thousands of students who committed to serve long term in missions. To view her testimony at Urbana, go to www.urbana09.org/videos.cfm and click on DAY 2 VIDEO.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Boxes, boxes and a puppy

While it was hard to say goodbye to Dekalb (our home for 16+ years), we are excited to join a new community in Bartlett. We found ourselves praying for our new home at Urbana – that Jesus would move into the neighborhood with us.

Our kids were thrilled to receive their long-awaited promise... a new dog...to help with the transition. On their first day at the new school we surprised them by adopting Charlie, a 4 month old Boxer mix puppy,



from the shelter. Pray for our transition as we meet neighbors, search for a church home, and wade through the sea of never-ending boxes.

THANK YOU!!

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