

**August 2008**

**INTERVARSITY**

**Praise for what  
God has done**

- Protection of Josh and healing of his arms
- The Division hired three new staff!
- God's faithfulness in past years to reach new students like Hannah

**Special Items for  
Prayer**



That the students will find InterVarsity on their campus and get involved.

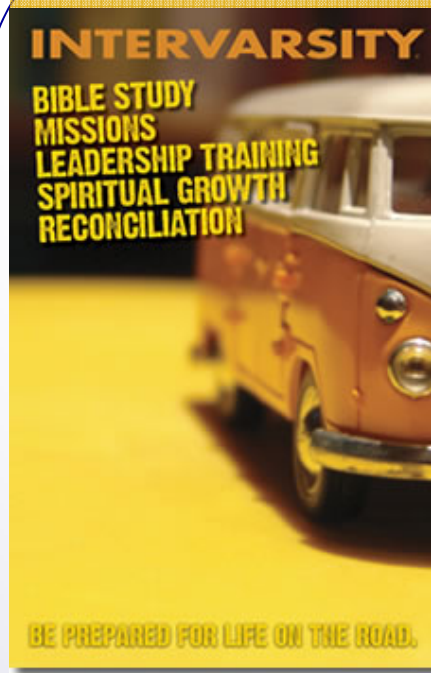


For Michelle as she enters into the Area Director position: for wisdom in a new role, for patience with a new schedule, and for God to provide the additional funding needed.



For our family: Josh's continued recovery, Jason's adjustment to school, and peace as we wait for our home to sell.

**Be Prepared for Life on the Road**



They're coming...

Students are returning to campus. Some newbies. Some transferring. Some just coming back for another year. Some like Hannah...

New to campus, Hannah wandered past an InterVarsity info table. "Sure, I'd love to come to your scavenger hunt!" She was eager to meet some friends.

The warm and welcoming students were just what she was looking for. Hannah began coming to InterVarsity events, and by mid-Fall an IV student shared the gospel message with her. She gave her life to Jesus that day, and began her 'life on the road' with God. Last year, Hannah spent her summer doing medical missions in Mexico.

Over the next few weeks, thousands of students will be coming to campus. Pray with us that God will draw some into His Kingdom again this year. Our heart is to help students meet Jesus, transform their campuses, and go on to become world-changers!

*If you know of a student attending a school in Northern Illinois / Northwest Indiana, please contact us with their information and we will make sure they are personally invited to InterVarsity events on their campus.*



Do you love golfing?

Do you need an excuse to get out of the house?

Do you want to advance the ministry of InterVarsity?

If you answered yes to any of these, our division will be hosting an annual golf event September 20th, 2008 at 9am at the Village Greens of Woodridge. We would like to invite you to this great event to help the ministry of InterVarsity to reach college students in our division. We are asking all golfers to raise at least \$300 of pledges and a \$75 registration fee.

Please consider joining us and bringing your friends who golf.



If you would like more details please email [byron\\_graham@ivstaff.org](mailto:byron_graham@ivstaff.org) or go to [www.intervarsitychicago.org](http://www.intervarsitychicago.org).

## On Campus on Purpose— New Area Director

### 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 / JOLIET JR 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

Isn't God creative in the way He answers prayer?

For the last few years, our division has needed more staff... staff for campuses, AND staff who will supervise and mentor others. Byron has been praying that God would send more workers into the university harvest field.

At the same time, Michelle has been sensing that her season of 'rest' is ending and that God was asking her to return to staff work.

The result? Michelle has accepted the position to serve with InterVarsity in a new role this year as an Area Director. She will be overseeing the Northern Illinois team of five campuses, and mentoring the 4 staff represented there. This includes Northern Illinois University, Rockford College, Rock Valley College,

Lewis University, and Aurora University. Pray for our family as we transition back to juggling schedules and childcare needs. Pray also for Michelle as she learns the ropes of her new position.



The Graham's celebrating the 4th of July

## Graham Family Update

### "How did you do that?"

It seemed like we heard this question everywhere we went this summer. Josh, our 6 year old, fell 20 feet out of a tree in June, breaking both arms, sustaining internal injuries, and was airlifted to a hospital in Rockford. All of this happened while Byron and Michelle were out of the country! We praise God for His obvious mercy and grace. He protected Joshua from life-threatening injuries, and cared for our family through the love and prayers of friends, family, and our church body.

Since the accident, Joshua has recovered remarkably. He is regaining mobility and strength in his arms daily. And God has carried us through a tough time of grieving a crisis, complete with nightmares, teary days, and sleeping problems. Thanks to those of you who heard the news and were

praying for us all!

This year, Jason will be starting 1/2 day Kindergarten... which makes for three kiddos in school. They are all excited to be attending the same school together. In Jason's words, "I get to ride the bus, and I like that I will go to gym." Yes... high academic goals.

On the home front....the buyer who had a contract with us backed out at the end of July, and our house is back on the market again. Please pray for God's will to be done and that He will give us peace in the midst of disappointment after a year and a half of waiting for our house to sell.

These words from Psalm 5:11-12 were comforting to us these last couple of months. "But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."



Joshua showing off his camo and dinosaur casts

For Christ and the University

*Byron & Michelle Graham*

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