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MarkWest was Great!

Thank you to all who prayed for our scripture camp in February.

It was a powerful week! Students and young adults from all over Alberta encountered God in profound ways through scripture, through prayer and prayer ministry, through conversations with staff and each other, and through worship. Both tracks – the second half of Mark for those who were there last year and a Genesis through Revelation study about the arc of the salvation story – were rich and transformative times. What a joy it is to be able to be a part of something like this every year.

I had asked for prayer for health during camp and good winter roads, and we are thankful that we had both.



This is who was in the Mark 2 track, that Alan and I led. The other track – which we called YOLO – had about 70

News From Around the Province

From Grande Prairie to Lethbridge, most of our IV fellowships have been growing this school year, both in depth and in numbers. Here are three of the stories:



King Jesus plus one - A few days ago the Edmonton Team WhatsApp got a voice message from Hogan telling us about a Muslim background student at U of A who had just made the decision to start following Jesus. Hogan's very enthusiastic message ended with the words "Enemy minus one; King Jesus plus one! Rejoicing in the heavenly realms, rejoice with me! ... Woo!!!" What a privilege when we get to see students say yes to Jesus!

New Grad Student Fellowship at U of C - Students Yuxin and Tobi have started a new Grad Fellowship at University of Calgary - this is alongside the undergrad fellowship there that Katlyn has been working with. Alan Chettle (working with the Grad Fellowship at U of A) made a trip to Calgary to connect with them and help them vision for Kingdom ministry among grad students. Alan will make a trip south once or twice a term to encourage them in this, as well as staying connected by email and phone. We're excited to see how God will work among grad students through this new fellowship.

Departures, and new beginnings - Both Katlyn Lim (U of C) and Luke Anderson (U of L and Lethbridge Polytechnic) have recently resigned from their work with IV Campus Ministry, as they each came to the conviction that God was leading them in new directions. I'm grateful for both Katlyn and Luke and the good things God has done in the lives of students through them.

So we are without Campus Staff in Calgary and Lethbridge right now. Student Leaders at all three schools, however, are energized and remain committed to the mission. I've had such encouraging conversations with each of the three teams - both during MarkWest in February, as well as when I was in southern Alberta the first week of March. They have plans in place for the rest of this term as well as vision for September. On that March trip, I also had many good conversations with volunteers, pastors, alumni and people who pray.

Please pray for students at these schools and for volunteers who are walking alongside them in ministry. Hogan and Melissa will be "on deck" for students in Lethbridge and Calgary while I'm on sabbatical. Pray too for God, in His timing, to bring staff again for the ministry at these schools.



The Edmonton Team in March - Melissa, Hogan, Shaylee, Alan, Ann, James, JoJo, me, Rebecca. So grateful for the staff and volunteer staff team throughout Alberta.

Sabbatical

I'm on sabbatical! I will be "away from my desk" for 5 months – from mid March till mid August. I am, as I mentioned in my last update, deeply grateful for the gift and grace of this time of rest and renewal. I've got a reading list started – books on prayer and spiritual formation, on Gen Z, on Christian leadership... (and I'm open to recommendations if you have any!) My sabbatical 9 years ago was an incredible Ebenezer time that continues to shape me and the way I do ministry with IV to this day in profound ways.

I'm thankful for a wonderful patchwork of people within this province and from other provinces who will be walking alongside each person on the Campus Team in my absence, and am looking forward to hearing the stories of all God has done when I return.



Prayer Requests

Thank you to all of you who pray for this ministry, and who pray for me!

Please pray for students in our fellowships as they will soon be heading back to school. Pray that as rhythms change they would be drawn only more closely to the heart of Jesus and His mission. Pray too for our end of the year retreat (April 24-26, at Pioneer Ranch Camp) whose purpose is to help launch students well into this next season.

Pray for the AB Campus Staff Team and for all who are supporting them in my absence these next few months. Pray especially that they would continue to know God's presence and leading in ever-deepening ways.

Pray for me while on sabbatical that I would be attentive and soft-hearted toward all God wants to work in me during this season.

Car Hunt

On a personal note... My little Toyota Echo is 22 years old now, and it's become clear to me that it's about time for a new-to-me vehicle. If you happen to know of a car you think I should take a look at, please let me know - sgoethe@ivcf.ca. (I'm a fan of smaller cars - the Honda Fit and the Toyota Yaris are favorites.)

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