

And He shall be called Emmanuel - God with us!

I remain so very grateful for the gift of being able to be part of God’s work through InterVarsity to inspire and equip university and college students all across Canada to encounter Jesus - God with us - in life-transforming ways. To all of you who have been partnering in this ministry through your prayers or your financial giving – thank you!

It’s been a busy but good fall. I've been on the road a lot the past 3 months - connecting with staff and volunteer staff I supervise, with students, and with other colleagues. I've loved it, and am also now looking forward to being in Edmonton for most of the next couple of months.

Check out the pictures throughout this letter to see a few of the highlights.

The Alberta Campus Staff Team. Our newest addition is Jodi Dobson, in the front row on the left. Jodi is part time volunteer staff now with the fellowship at Red Deer Polytechnic. Jodi has been involved with IV her whole life through Pioneer Camp - from staff kid all the way to Sr Girls Camp Director. God has really gifted her for this role with RDP, and she loves the students and loves the work. I'm so grateful for her partnership in this new way.



Pray for more staff!

I would really love to be able to hire one more person in Edmonton and one or two in Calgary. Hogan and Katlyn are both working with fellowships on three campuses now (Hogan in Edmonton at U of A, NAIT and MacEwan, and Katlyn in Calgary at U of C, MRU and

AUArts). In all my years of staff supervision it has always been very evident that it was God himself who was bringing the right people from (usually) unexpected quarters. So please ask him for more staff – full time, part time, or volunteer (and if anyone comes to mind that you think I should know about, please let me know!)

I'm 60 now! How did that happen...

This is a picture of me with a bunch of my colleagues who took me out for my 60th. My birthday was in the middle of National Leadership Council meetings in Ontario (NLC is the directors team for all the ministries of IV). I felt well-celebrated. And grateful for such wonderful colleagues, friends, and partners in ministry.



Replanting at Mount Royal University - Katlyn Lim, on the left in the lefthand picture above, joined staff early in 2024 to begin working with the fellowship at University of Calgary, where the ministry is beginning to grow again under her leadership. Katlyn has a deep heart for God and for prayer, and a deep heart for students. This fall God has opened opportunities for her to connect with students at MRU , where we now



have a student leaders team of 3. Please pray for the fellowship to grow. She's also making some good connections with students at AUArts. It's exciting to see God putting things into place!



Student Leader Retreats in September. Student Leaders from Calgary and Lethbridge (pictured above right) gathered in southern Alberta in early September to talk and pray about the mission on campus. Another group met the same weekend in Edmonton with students from Red Deer, NAIT, U of A and MacEwan.

MarkWest is in February!

Just about anyone who knows me has heard me talk about MarkWest – a multi-day dive into the Gospel of Mark with students from across Alberta at the end of exams in April. It's seriously one of my favorite things, as every year I see students encountering Jesus in profound ways, and having their lives changed as a result. Our AB Campus Team made the decision to try running MarkWest during reading week this year rather than in the spring. It'll be Feb 14-19, at InterVarsity's Circle Square Ranch near Halkirk. I am overjoyed at the generosity of so many in response to our Giving Tuesday campaign raising scholarships to help students attend this camp! (If you haven't seen this, find me on Facebook and you'll see it there.) Thank you to all who gave!!! That money will be put to very good use! Please pray now that students respond to our invitations and sign up.

Meet JoJo Tam - InterVarsity High School Ministry is coming to Edmonton again!

IV in Canada has a rich history of ministry with high school students (formerly called ISCF), but it's been many years since we had High School Ministry in Edmonton. That has changed with the arrival this fall of my colleague JoJo Tam, who is the HSM Coordinator for Alberta. JoJo has been doing great work to reestablish HSM in Calgary for the past few years, and I am delighted to see this ministry now expanding again into Edmonton. Please pray for JoJo and HSM, and if you'd like more info or if you'd like to start receiving JoJo's prayer letters, please contact her



Fundraising Update On the fundraising front, things have been tough for me and for most on my team for the past 2 or 3 years. Four of the eight of us are not fully funded and another couple are on the verge. I am so grateful for so many of you who have been giving faithfully and generously for many years to support the ministry that I and my colleagues are privileged to be a part of with IV. Thank you! I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider whether you would like to give a special year end gift or if you would like to start being a monthly supporter (if you aren't already). If you have any questions, please give me a shout at sgoethe@ivcf.ca, or 780-222-9800. If you'd like to give now, there are two options below. Thanks!at jtam@ivcf.ca

Grace and peace, friends. I'm grateful for you!

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