

Dear church family at Central Fellowship

Last year, I had the privilege to volunteer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship on Campus at the University of British Columbia. The pandemic proved to be a great challenge for campus ministry. However, through God's grace we were able to have weekly bible studies morning prayer over zoom, run online and drive-in events and support student's mental and spiritual health.

While volunteering and doing online ministry was difficult, there began a stirring in my heart to continue moving forward with InterVarsity. I fell in love with InterVarsity's passion to **help students understand being with Jesus, become like Jesus, and live as Jesus did.**

During the summertime, I underwent the process of praying and being hired by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. I am pleased to announce that I was accepted and offered the position of **Campus Minister at the University of Northern British Columbia.**

A Campus Minister's role is to disciple and give pastoral care to undergraduate students. This is done through mentoring a group of students on campus who are passionate about sharing the gospel and encouraging others in their faith. A Campus Minister works to be an evangelistic witness to students on campus during a pivotal point in their lives. University is a time to discover an individual's identity, to leave the home and for some make faith their own. For others, it is a time to explore different avenues of faith, have insightful conversations with their friends and attempt to understand how their worldview fits within what is taught at university.

The Barna research group did a study on students who leave the church. They discovered that 64% of young adults ages 18 – 26 leave the church. However, the presence of a mentor significantly increases the chance of a young person holding onto their faith. While on campus, part of my goal is to have open and honest discussions with students about their faith and how the gospel can be a beacon of hope in a culture that struggles with grief and cries for justice.

The University of Northern British Columbia is built on a large hill that overlooks Prince George. It's appropriate that an image Jesus has been recalling has been a town built on a hill.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matt 5:14-16

To be on campus and be on light on this hill in Prince George, I will need ministry partners to partner with me in this calling. InterVarsity wishes to have their Campus Ministers funded and



supported by ministry partners before working on campus. This support involves financial, prayer and a community to join in the call to be a light on campus in Northern BC.

**Would you prayerfully consider partner with me in this ministry?**

Financially, I will need to raise **\$3,540 a month**

I will have to raise 80% of my support before stepping on campus.

I am excited to get to know this church family more as we partner together to reach students in Prince George for Christ

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