

IVCF END OF SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 30th, 2022

Dear Church Family,

With students gearing up for exam's, I thought this would be a good time to reflect and give month by month highlights of ministry with IVCF in PG, as well as a financial update.

September Clubs Days

We had 55 new sign-ups for InterVarsity at Clubs Days at UNBC and CNC.

I was able to give out First Nations Bibles at CNC to the college's elders and community.

We received a request to have more at the college for students to use.

Our Clubs Days idea was to hand out corn to promote our fall retreat! We handed out a total of 104 Cobs of corn and 7 mini pumpkins after we ran out of corn!

October Worship Nights

We had 35 students attend our first worship night.

There, we had students encounter Christ in new ways. What's cool to see is that our encounter with Christ did not end with our time that evening. The time students had to pray for one another has extended to time on campus through friendships, wrestling with questions about faith and how one incorporates Christ in every aspect of their lives.

(Our next one will be on December 11th!)

November Live Clue!

On November 19th, our exec leaders hosted a Live Clue! event. Brad and I where the murder victims and our exec friend Izzy was the murderer (It was Aribelle Wilder in the library with the fire poker!). We had over forty-four students attend. Half of the students where folks the student leaders did not know and a number of them were non-Christians. One of my prayers, while we were planning for the event, was St. Patrick's classic, "God in my everything". It was a silly fun event, and yet, it is events like these that God can use to change lives.

September – December Friday Soup Lunches

Every Friday, myself and Tara (The Christian Reformed Campus Minister) have been making soup lunches to give to students. We have an average of fifteen to thirty students come by every

Friday. This has been a great opportunity to meet new students. My favourite part on Fridays has been walking around the Winter Gardens, stepping into student friend groups, and inviting them to a free lunch. It has been a great time of conversations from simple fun things like movies, to deeper things such as faith, creation and culture.

Fall Retreat: All Aboard!

Our big event this semester was the fall retreat. We had a total of 28 students attend! The Fall Retreat: All Aboard, had a focus on reintroducing students to InterVarsity as a ministry on campus in PG. We had times of worship, manuscript study, a coffee bar and a corn roast! One of the highlights for me was our partnership with our local churches. On Saturday night, one of our church families from Lakes hosted our students at their farm. We roasted so much corn that evening! But a highlight was when our friend, Mark Brown, brought out his family's plane. I had arrived before the students and came up in my little blue car to watch Mark making circles in the field with his airplane. As I was setting up, I asked Mark, "What are you doing with the airplane out?"

"Oh, I was hoping to bring a couple of students up in the sky if that's okay?" Mark asked.

"Okay?! Uhh... Let me make a call quick call to see if that's okay with our insurance!"

As we were eating hamburgers and roasting corn over the fire, Mark started up his plane and did an air show for us with one of our student leaders in the passenger seat. Afterwards, we were able to invite students to free airplane rides! We weren't able to bring all of them up in the air but it was an amazing gift to give the students.

Afterwards, we had a time around the campfire where many of the students shared what God was doing in their hearts over the weekend. For some, they were experiencing God in new ways through Scripture. For others, were feeling the call and challenge from God to live in community. Some were being moved with the conviction to be closer and share the Gospel with their non-Christian friends. That evening, I shared from 1 John 4:11-21 and talked about how abiding in Christ was not just an individual act but is lived through community with the Body of Christ and the Trinity.

The next day, we wrapped up the retreat with a service at Fort George Baptist, who hosted us through the weekend. Pastor Dan also preached out of 1 John and gave an incredible message. It was a similar to what we talked about the previous night. As Dan was reading the passage, three students who were sitting behind me leaned forward and whispered,

"Cristyn, Cristyn, did you guys plan this?!" My shoulder's were shaking from holding in the laughter so as not to interrupt Dan's preaching.

"No, no." I replied. "I didn't, but I think the Holy Spirit might have."

The retreat opened up many invitations for students to walk closer with Jesus, invitations I am still seeing play out near the end of November.

2022 Financial Need

92% of the **\$38115.00 a year** has been fundraised!

That's amazing, however, I do still need to raise the full amount.

That works out to **\$2370.59** I need to raise by the end of the year.

Looking back at the year and how God's provided, I'd say it's pretty doable.

However, what is more, important for the longevity of my ministry is raising the money for my monthly support.

Thanks to many generous one-time gifts last year, I was able to start my ministry with IVCF in January. However, I will need to raise money to fill the gap in 2023 that was raised in 2022.

I need to raise my monthly support up by **\$1301.59** per month.

If you have been reading these updates and have been moved by the work God has been doing in the lives of PG students, I encourage to pray and ask the Lord if this is a possibility to take on to further student ministry in PG.

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