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Grace and Truth.

If I have talked with you this fall about InterVarsity I may have smiled with joy or started bragging about my leadership team. I have been very encouraged by the trajectory of our InterVarsity group this semester. Whether its having a bible study full of first year students giving hope for a vibrant community growing up, dedicated leaders that are taking initiative and willing to take risks to see students discover Jesus in community, or seeing partnership evolve from within and outside of our InterVarsity group, it has been a good season.

"...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17)

Our study of the book of John this semester has been revealing this nature of Christ. It seems every week the gracious and truthful nature of Christ has shown up. This week we reflected on the story of Jesus and the adulterous woman brought before him as he taught in the temple. The ways in which Jesus draws attention away from this woman's shame to himself, how he calls to account the sin of those dehumanizing and using this woman, and yet with grace how he draws this woman to repentance in the midst of her real sin and a second chance instead of death.

What is more difficult for us and our world to understand, grace or truth?

Truth. The truth that we are sinners in need of a saviour. That unlike post-modernism there is an absolute moral law.

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Grace. Being vulnerable to admit our shame, accepting the forgiveness of Christ. Do we believe we can find grace without earning it?

What a great gift in Christ! That we do not have to fear our sinfulness but can be open and vulnerable. We can come before a gracious God and find healing amidst a gracious community of fellow broken people. As more and more students find healing there is a palpable joy and freedom that is taking root. **Please pray that God's good word continues to reach deep and bear fruit in the lives of our students and ministry.**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

This past Sunday we finished up our Fall Retreat at Ness Lake Bible Camp. In a partnership between InterVarsity at UNBC and CNC (College of New Caledonia) Christian Fellowship we had 31 gathered over the weekend to rest and spend time with God. We used the Shema as our theme for the weekend (check out some videos [HERE](#) if you don't know what that is!).

It was a gift to build partnership and community between the two campuses. Here are a few testimonies from the retreat:

"God showed me a picture of Him staring at me with so much delight at adoration, and just reminded me to fix my gaze on Him and focus on Him with my entire being."

"I love hearing testimonies of how people were brought out of isolation and into this community."

"I am hung up on how much God loves me.. This weekend allowed me to fully feel this love which resulted in me asking God so many questions."



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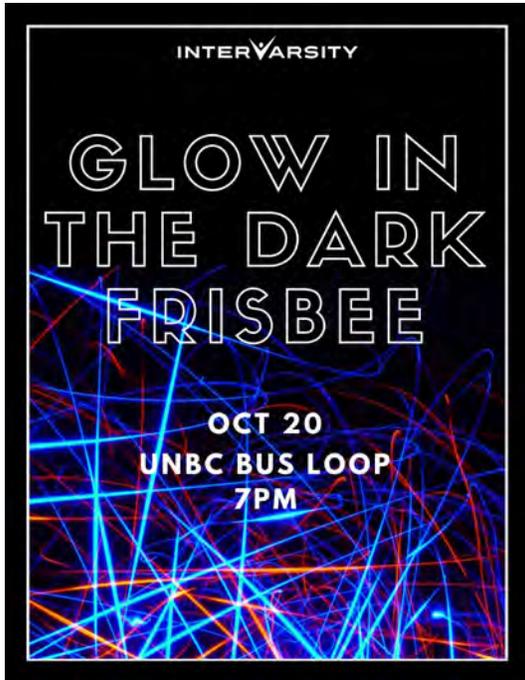
join us for
MORNING PRAYER

9:30 am - The nook by the bookstore
Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th

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Above: Some of the events we have been running this semester.

Below: Some snapshots of trips, events, and travel!



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partnered with NUGSS (Northern Undergraduate Student Society) and other clubs to collect 1569lbs of food!



This is a picture from our Fall Retreat. Ness Lake Bible Camp were great hosts for us as we spent time seeing God in community. His faithfulness is astounding. It is beautiful to see our group grow in depth and in numbers.

staff in Mexico City this October to debrief our East-Asia global partnership and receive training for leading future Global Partnerships.



Part of the Tuesday Bible Study at my house! I have been so glad that it is comprised mostly of first year students. They are an engaged, relational group that makes me excited about the future years as these students become Christian leaders on our campus!



It was a semester of travel for me. Here are the 1st and 2nd year staff with InterVarsity gathered at Circle Square Ranch Big Clear Lake near Ottawa. Being alone in the north, these times are especially

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partnership with the UNBC
Chaplaincy.

other staff and hear testimonies of
God at work across the country.

Fundraising Update:

Praise God for fundraising! While there is still need for our scholarships account (for MarkWest and Urbana next year), and fundraising for any future staff needs, I have completed my personal fundraising needs for this year! Thank you for being amazing supporters for God's mission on campus.

Any year end gifts can be placed here: <https://give.ivcf.ca> to either "Derek Joyce" or "UNBC Student Scholarships" to help more students experience Jesus in His word and amongst His people

Prayer Requests:

-more non-believers to join our group
-our year end Christmas Dinner would be celebratory (December 2nd)

-we are hoping to start Alpha on campus in the new year! Pray for leaders and that many students are drawn to participate and ask the deep questions of life

-pray for our leaders, present and future. May many more respond to God's call to be His representatives on campus

-in thanksgiving! Praise God with us for the growing groups at UNBC, and also for the great work being done at CNC



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