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Good day friends!

I didn't have time to make a fancy mailchimp but wanted to send out a quick update on MarkWest and Campus Gathering.

MarkWest.

Thank you for praying! For the BC team this was a special MarkWest. **9 student made decisions to follow Jesus this year!** That is almost a tenth of all the participants! Praise God!

One of them was a student from UNBC! Solomon had been a part of the Alpha course at a church this semester and said "yes" to coming to MarkWest. He was one of those students I gave an invitation to but I really didn't expect him to come. But he was eager! During the week he studied the gospel of Mark with everyone and on the Thursday evening worship night he decided to make his faith his own. "I hadn't cried since I was young." He felt God with him as he stood up and another student leader, Nolan, prayed over him.

He is now journeying with some genuine Christian friends for the first time and coming to our summer fellowship! Praise God!

Another student, a non-Christian that got connected to our group through her friend Emily inviting her to our Alpha on campus had this to say:

"I was first introduced to the Intervarsity Fellowship through the Alpha program. This program was a wonderful and positive experience that helped to open my eyes to God. Alpha was a safe place to ask questions and get a better understanding of what Christianity is really all about. After having such a great experience in the program, I was encouraged to attend Mark West.

Although it was only a week, Mark West helped me to create a strong community that will continue to support me through my journey. I am looking forward to the experiences that Mark West will offer in the coming years.” - Karlea

Keep praying for Karlea! Although she has not yet made a decision to follow Jesus, she is a part of our weekly fellowship, reads the bible on her own, and has already had experiences of hearing from Jesus in prayer. Pray she makes the final step to enter the kingdom this summer!

Campus Gathering.

Tomorrow I leave to Ottawa for our annual national training conference. This year 3 others from Prince George are coming.

Sara Tohme is doing an internship with InterVarsity next year in Vancouver and gets to start her experience joining with staff from across the country for this conference. I will share more of her story in my next newsletter and how you can support her!

Laura McNeil and Danae Koopmans are student leaders at the College of New Caledonia. Because we are planting at CNC next year, InterVarsity has sponsored them to come and see what InterVarsity is about and get some training to be effective student leaders next year!

Pray for us all as we receive training from Doug Schaupp on how to move our fellowships from huddled communities to places of witness and conversion.

Peace be with you all as the summer begins!

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