

Reflecting on 15 years with InterVarsity + Summer Highlights

This upcoming fall marks the start of my **15th year** serving with InterVarsity!

Looking back, I feel deeply reflective and grateful for the incredible honour of journeying alongside young people as they explore faith in Jesus. I am profoundly thankful for the village of supporters—**YOU**—who have partnered with me on this journey. Your partnership creates the vital spaces and opportunities for students to encounter the living God.

I still remember my own call into ministry as an intern like it was yesterday. I first met Jesus through InterVarsity's campus ministry, and God placed a deep desire in my heart to pay it forward to the next generation. Saying "yes" to that single invitation set me on a trajectory of following Jesus in every area of my life.

The best part? I get to watch students take those exact same steps of faith.

Spring & Summer Highlights

1. Southern Ontario Scripture Camp

- **40+ students** gathered at Scripture Camp to dive deep into the Gospel of Mark.
- Serving as Program Director gave me a front-row seat to see how students engaged with Scripture and encountered God daily.
- **Impact Story:** One student shared how studying the healing of the blind man at Bethsaida challenged her to surrender *all* areas of her life to Jesus as she wrestled with truly seeing, perceiving, hearing, and understanding His truth.

2. The Campus Associates Program

Many student leaders struggle to balance academics, faith, and financial needs. Recognizing this widespread trend across campuses, we launched **The Campus Associates Program**.

- **What it is:** A new initiative hiring student leaders part-time (10 hours/week) to provide direct, peer-to-peer leadership on their campuses.

Giving them a paid role allows these mission-driven students to dedicate their time to campus ministry rather than an outside job.

- **The Growth:** Last year, we hired 6 Campus Associates. This year, we expanded the program to hire 22 student leaders—and counting!
- **The Impact:** This program offers hands-on ministry experience, intentional 1-on-1 discipleship, and a powerful on-ramp for students discerning a calling to full-time ministry post-graduation.

Prayer Requests

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”
—Psalm 34:18

Grieving Our Loss: A LEAD staff member at Ontario Pioneer Camp (OPC) tragically passed away in mid-May. Having participated in Scripture Camp, his loss leaves deep sadness and grief for those of us who knew and served alongside him. Please pray for comfort for his family, friends, and our ministry community.

Campus Associates: Pray for our 22+ new Campus Associates as they prepare to step into their leadership roles this fall, balancing their studies while faithfully serving their peers.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, generosity, and partnership in this work!

With gratitude,
Ashley