

# Northern Illinois & Northwest Indiana

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM BYRON &amp; MICHELLE GRAHAM

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## World-changers Forgive



One of the best testimonies about forgiveness was told last month at our National Staff Conference. Brent Campbell is an athlete and an InterVarsity student at University of North Carolina-Wilmington. On his way to practice, a group of 5 white students harassed him, threatened him, and yelled racial slurs. The experience was a devastating incident revealing the ugly truth that racism is alive and well. When the school was going to expel these 5 men, Brent wrote a letter asking the university to not punish them. His decision was to extend forgiveness, and to insist that they have dinner with him so that Jesus might heal the racism in their hearts. Brent's response was so counter-cultural that the story was picked up by national news. Be blessed and hear his story at <http://vimeo.com/83792223>

## Can one conference change your life?

This February we celebrate 25 years of Winterfest, as college students set aside this weekend to hear from God and His Word. Literally thousands of students over the years have been transformed at this annual conference and gone on to become World-changers all over the globe. Every year students have become followers of Jesus, they have heard God's whisper to take risks, share their faith, and even change the course of their vocation. Your support of InterVarsity's ministry allows conferences like Winterfest to change the lives of college students and therefore to grow the Kingdom of God!



## Graham Family "Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." –author unknown

Over our 20 years with InterVarsity, we've had a lot of transitions. Michelle recently experienced another when she transitioned from Area Director to ministry volunteer. After much prayer and reflection, she needed more flexibility to focus on home and church while still remaining connected to the ministry through various volunteer opportunities. She is exploring what the next season may hold, but glad to have more energy to invest in our kiddos and to pursue writing.

What does this mean for our support team? Not much changes. We continue to serve together to reach college students. Our ministry still needs you, and you can pray that the Lord will keep leading us to new partners who are eager to pray and invest in seeing college students become world-changers.



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Memo Byron & Michelle Graham.

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## Prayer Requests

- Pray for boldness on all the campuses to proclaim who Jesus is and His kingdom.
- For College of DuPage, a new ministry we are planting this year.
- Pray for Winterfest as we recruit students to attend and that their hearts would be open to what God has to say to them