

Northern Illinois & Northwest Indiana

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM BYRON & MICHELLE GRAHAM

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IVLI on Mackinac Island

“Who is in charge?”

The prayer meeting was scheduled to start at 5:30pm, but by 5:35 several students noticed that something was wrong. Is anyone going to lead the prayer time today? One student looked at his staffworker but got no answer. Some huddled together to ask what to do. Then finally, one student walked to the front of the room and said “I don’t know who is in charge, but I will lead the prayer meeting today.”

The students didn’t realize, but this was a leadership test. After weeks of training on leadership topics, it was time to see if they would actually step up and lead when the situation presented itself.

The opportunity to teach and lead at InterVarsity’s Leadership Institute is one of our favorite ministry opportunities. One full month. Over 100 of the Midwest’s best and brightest student leaders. And a different topic of leadership development each day. Not only to do we watch them transform before our very eyes, but we also are making an investment in the future of the Church. Please pray for the 2013 class of IVLI, that they would be catalysts for the growth of God’s Kingdom on campus this year.



Women’s Conference 2013: HEAR from God. OWN the call. LEAD the change. This is the theme that developed while Michelle worked with a team to plan the upcoming staff conference for women (Oct 18-20). This conference is designed to help women not only be renewed by God during an intense season of ministry, but more importantly to consider the future of their leadership and make a plan for their own development. Join us in praying that God would use this conference to lead His daughters into greater fruitfulness in ministry.

Graham Family



Our summer at Cedar Campus was a complete gift to our family. Thanks for praying!

Since our return... 2 words: Fall Sports. Natalie joined her JV tennis team which has made for a great transition into high school. And Jason returned to football, this time with his dad as an assistant coach.

While Joshua and Tyson wait for basketball season to arrive, Josh is back in band playing trombone, and Ty is just happy to eat lunch at school this year as a big bad 1st grader!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support as we minister with InterVarsity.

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Memo Byron & Michelle Graham.

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Prayer Requests

- For Women’s Conference (Oct 18-20) that we would hear God, own His call, and lead change.
- For the new ministry at College of DuPage to grow quickly
- That each campus in our division develops 5 new missional Christians by Christmas
- For Byron as he directs the Vision Black Leadership Conference (Nov. 8-10)