

## Northern Illinois & Northwest Indiana

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM BYRON & MICHELLE GRAHAM

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### “The revelation of Jesus Christ...”

Clarity is not the first word that comes to mind when most people think about the book of Revelation. Confusion, maybe. Bizarre. Intimidating. But the author of Revelation tells us that it was intended to “reveal” or to “make clear” who Jesus is. So this became our prayer as we headed to Michigan for Chapter Focus Week, a retreat with students from around the Midwest. Michelle was tasked with teaching Revelation 1-4 during the evening plenary sessions.

We decided to use the images of Revelation like a pair of 3D glasses - to see if they might help reveal Jesus more fully to us. And He was! After studying themes of love, of suffering, of self-sufficiency, and of Jesus’ invitations, we saw 3 students become Christians, about 15 respond to a call of Lordship by confessing self-sufficiency, and about 200 ask Jesus to replace their shame with honor. There were also commitments to share the gospel more fully back on campus.

Eddy, one of the new Christians, shared, “All year long I had been trying to follow God, but He had felt like a stranger to me. But this week Jesus became real.”



### Jazzy Berit Christina



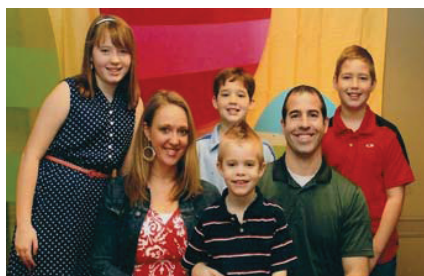
Vanessa Courtney Haley

### Teamwork

We have the privilege to work on an awesome team with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We are adding 6 dynamic team members to influence Northwestern University, DePaul University, University of Chicago, and the Art Institute of Chicago. More staff means more students reached! Praise God for supplying more workers for the harvest! Pray for us as we are now helping to train and coach these new staff.

### Graham Family

**“Cedar Campus is my favorite place in the world!”** It’s not surprising that our kids love that place... swimming, hiking, biking, fishing, climbing trees and building sand castles. This summer our family will have the privilege to serve at InterVarsity’s Leadership Institute. This is a month long student leader training that gathers 120 of the best and brightest student leaders to impart Godly vision and skills to lead witnessing communities. We expect a summer of great spiritual growth as we develop the next generation of leaders. And we love that our kids get to hang out with students who will love on them and model a love for Jesus.



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### Prayer Requests

- For the students who became Christians at Focus Week, that they would begin to grow
- For Leadership Institute (July 3-Aug 3), that God would raise up the next generation of leaders, and that it would also be part of the discipleship of our own kids
- For the six new staff to find partners to support their ministry this summer in order to start on campus in the Fall