

Northern Illinois & Northwest Indiana

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM BYRON & MICHELLE GRAHAM

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We did not see that coming!

Ministry surprises are the best. Especially the ones that remind us that God is chasing after the hearts and lives of college students.

Governors State University is a small public campus 30 miles south of Chicago. While it is on the list of schools we had hoped to one day reach, it was not on our immediate radar. Until now.

Two InterVarsity students – one from Northern Ill U. and one from Olive Harvey College – both transferred to Governors this Fall and have begun reaching out to their classmates.

Please be praying for these students as they seek to be recognized as a student organization and as they are seeking to engage the campus with the Gospel.



The 2 Best Conferences of the Year

This Fall, we are excited about the one-two punch of student conferences we have lined up. Please be praying for the potential impact they have on tomorrow's leaders:

- Fall Conference (FC15) is our divisional event where students from 25 campuses gather to hear from God, learn ministry skills, and return to their campuses to share the Gospel. Year after year, this conference has produced more life change decisions than any other week-end in the calendar. (Oct 30-Nov1)
- Urbana 15 is a gathering of almost 20,000 students and pastors receiving a global perspective of what God is doing around the world with an invitation to discern your place in God's global mission. Billy Graham once observed that half of American missionaries can trace their call in part to Urbana. This doesn't account for the thousands that have made decisions to follow Jesus, or to support God's global work in some way. (Dec 27-31)



Graham Family

Fall is four for four in the Graham house. Four kids. Four sports.

Natalie made Varsity Tennis this year at her high school, playing third singles. Josh and Jason both dove fully into tackle football. And Tyson diverted from the pack by choosing his first love, soccer. Lots of fun, but a packed schedule, means a loud and crazy Fall season. But let's be honest. We're a loud and crazy family anyway.

Post sport-season we'll turn our attention to begin the college search process for Natalie. Lord have mercy! We may open a hotline for tips from those of you who have already walked this exciting and terrifying road.



Prayer Requests

- Pray that God would establish a ministry at Governors State that will last.
- Pray with us that God will use FC15 & Urbana to catalytically grow our chapters and create world changers who will serve and lead the Church.
- Pray for our family to reconnect after a very busy Fall, and for wisdom as we head into Nat's college search.

Thank you!... for your faithful financial prayer and support as we minister with InterVarsity. **To give visit** donate.intervarsity.org

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