

The Highlight of my Year

Special Needs Ministry (Access IV)



The highlight of my year in ministry was serving our special-needs students in a Bible study we call, Access IV. We give students with disabilities ACCESS to Jesus. We met on Monday nights to enjoy snacks, play a game, learn about Jesus, and pray together. What gave me so much joy was the purity of heart I could see and experience in my conversations and interactions with these amazing students. Sean (grey shirt) was invited to our group by a member. After his first time with us, he said he now has real friends who can teach him about God. He came to every Access event, our InterVarsity large group meetings, conferences, and fun activities. Sean learned about God's love and made a decision to follow Jesus, and now he invites friends to discover the same treasure he found.





Disaster Turns Best Ending Ever!

“Some other group is in our room!” This was the text message I received about 2 hours before our Large Group gathering. Every Thursday night around 50 InterVarsity students get together for worship, a message, and a fun time of community at InterVarsity’s The Gathering. We meet in Fresno State’s largest club room on campus. When I got that text message I panicked! What do we do now? I’m standing on campus with student leaders, a large pile of equipment, and a worship team ready for setup and practice. I also have a student leader who’s giving the message and is ready to give a call to faith, plus another leader sharing her testimony. *God, what do we do?* A picture of the Fresno State Fountain entered my mind. I thought it just wouldn’t be the same setting up and holding our gathering outside. Wow, was I wrong! The weather was perfect. The central focal point on campus, the fountain, and all of the noise it makes, was turned off. All the students adapted quickly. Our outside visibility helped new students find and join us. Gianna’s message and Lindsey’s testimony were heard throughout campus. The message glorified God, and one very special student named Kyla responded to Gianna’s call to faith. This coming year, Kyla is joining our student leadership team. Praise God for a disguised “disaster!”



Spring Outreach

Love & Prayer



What makes you feel loved? What do you need prayer for? These were the questions we asked students on our campus during spring semester. These activities led to many spiritual conversations, times of prayer, opportunities for growth and boldness, and new believers.

Mark Camp

Catalina Island



We traveled to Catalina Island with more than 40 students to study the book of Mark . We saw Jesus touch a leper, forgive the sins of a paralytic man, bring a great storm to a great calm, allow faith to heal a bleeding woman, and transform a demon-possessed man into his right mind. Many students grew stronger in their faith, and some became fully committed followers of Jesus for the first time. Teaching the book of Mark is my favorite part about being on staff with InterVarsity.





FUMP

Fresno Urban Missions Program



This summer I had the privilege of leading 9 students on a week-long urban ministry program here in downtown Fresno. Here's what we did...

- **Monday:** In a classroom we learned about God's heart for the poor and took a deep dive into the history of the City of Fresno.
- **Tuesday:** We did a City of Fresno Drive Tour. We went into impoverished neighborhoods, found ministry sites that are helping the urban poor, and saw many people and places of great need in our city.
- **Wednesday:** We served at a ministry site called Yo'ville Community Garden and Farms. We raked leaves, put up directional signs, cleaned pathways, and removed brush. This ministry provides garden space for families to grow food and build connections with their neighbors.
- **Thursday:** We partnered with Kuppa Cares to serve free coffee to the homeless at the Poverello House in downtown Fresno. This ministry provides 3 meals a day, life-skills training, Christian discipleship, and clothing for the homeless in our city. We prayed, threw the football, had conversations, served coffee, and played chess.
- **Friday:** We served at a local ministry called Every Neighborhood Partnership. They empower community members in their neighborhoods to use their God-given gifts to bless and build up their own communities and neighborhoods. We organized closets, washed windows, and cleaned storage units so they can do what they do best: empower community members in the name of Jesus.





Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

- Pray for healthy grieving as my dad went to be with Jesus on May 9.
- Pray that my summer would be restorative.
- Pray for students to grow spiritually through our SummerVarsity program.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan for the fall semester.
- Pray for new incoming freshmen to get involved with InterVarsity.
- Pray for students to continue growing spiritually throughout the summer.
- Pray for our new Fresno State staff member, Justin, as he ministers to students during the coming fall semester.

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