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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

The past few months have been a very fruitful and joyful season of ministry. Young people are pressing into prayer, and God is opening up new opportunities for the gospel to be shared. I hope you will be encouraged as you read, and will join us in prayer for children, youth and students in Eastern Ontario.

**Camp Update:**

This summer, Circle Square Ranch welcomed 675 campers over 7 weeks of camp! I love watching kids encounter God, as our teenage cabin leaders walk with them. Here's just one example, told by a teenage cabin leader. "I was praying before bed on the first night. One camper said that she did not know how to pray, so I prayed with her. The next night, she asked if she could pray before bed, so we prayed together again." It's through these beautiful, simple moments all summer long that the faith of campers and staff grows.



A highlight for me this summer at camp was writing a 10-session Bible Study curriculum for our Junior Leader in Training (J-LIT) program, to give these 14-15 year olds an overview of the Bible and its message. I got to lead a few of the sessions, and equip our summer staff to lead the rest. Among this group of campers, there were a few whose only experience of Christianity had been through camp over the past few summers. These ones were especially hungry to dive into God's word for themselves!

[Visit the Circle Square Ranch website](#)

### **High School Ministry Update:**

This year, I am hoping to significantly expand the size of our high school student leaders cohort. Over the last couple of years, I have been meeting with a small team of 4-5 student leaders who were leading Christian groups in a few schools. However, there are many other schools in Ottawa that have Christian clubs running without any external support. The teacher sponsors of these clubs have been looking for leadership training for their student leaders, so we will invite these student leaders to join our cohort. Our first meeting will be at the end of October.

There are other schools in Ottawa where there are students who are planting new Christian clubs this year, and these students will also be joining our gatherings. We are praying that there will be a vibrant Christian group in every school in the Ottawa

region. Please join me in this prayer.



This fall, the students from the Ottawa campus fellowships met at my church (Sunnyside Wesleyan Church) for a 2 day in-town retreat.

### **Campus Update:**

Ministry has been off to a great start on all of our campuses in Eastern Ontario this fall. New students have been getting involved, and those who are spiritually curious are checking out our groups.

I am encouraged to see students wanting to gather for prayer. At uOttawa, there have been so many students attending the weekly prayer meeting that they can no longer fit everyone into one study room! They have been meeting to pray outside instead. At Algonquin, the public prayer event got cancelled because of the college strike, but new and returning students still decided to pray together for 3 hours that day, just meeting in a less public location.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Praise God for a team of volunteers who are excited to serve in high school ministry this year, and for opportunities to connect with more schools. Pray that many students will get connected.

Praise God for spiritually curious students on our college and university campuses.

Pray they will find our campus fellowships, and meet Jesus.

Praise God for a busy fall at the Ranch, with many youth and young adult retreats. Pray that God will provide the staff and volunteers needed for the Ranch team to serve these retreat groups with excellence.

**Funding Update:**

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry! I am looking for more people to commit to giving to InterVarsity in Eastern Ontario on a monthly basis. If you know anyone who you think would be blessed to be contributing to this ministry, feel free to pass on this newsletter or connect them with me.

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