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Dear Ministry Partners,

This summer at Circle Square Ranch was incredible. One young camper, when reflecting on his week at camp said, “When I came to camp, I didn’t believe in God. Then I wanted to believe in God. Now I do believe in God.” Your partnership provided this child, and so many others the opportunity to start a life of faith. Thank you!

Our campus and high school ministries are starting up again for the year, with lots of new students joining in. This weekend, uOttawa, Carleton, and Algonquin students will gather for a 2-day “in-town retreat.” Then on Monday, our high school student leaders cohort will have its first meeting of the school year.

As you read below some highlights from the last few months, be encouraged. Young people are growing in faith and bringing the good news of Jesus to those around them. I hope you’ll join me in prayer for this emerging generation.

In partnership,



Alaina Johnston

Eastern Ontario Director



Circle Square Ranch Summer Staff (I'm on the bottom right, holding my colleague's baby)

The summer team at the Ranch is made up mostly of teenagers and young adults. Some serve at camp for just a week, others for the whole summer. I spent a significant portion of my summer at camp, walking alongside these passionate young people: training, supporting and encouraging them in the work they're doing. I saw each of them grow so much as they served campers. They learned to lead with a greater confidence, take initiative to pray for each other and work together as a team that deeply trusts God and each other.



Camper Testimony:

"One of my favourite parts was learning about God. We don't really practice or learn about God at home, so being at camp and having the opportunity to learn more about Him felt really nice. I also loved all of the fun activities we got to do, especially horse riding and everything we did in the water."

~Caleiah, age 12.

Summer Staff Testimony:

"This summer I saw God's love. After campfire, I prayed for someone that they would know that they were loved. Then they told me they had been feeling unloved, and we both cried. It was beautiful to see how God's love moves, and how it is unlike any other love."

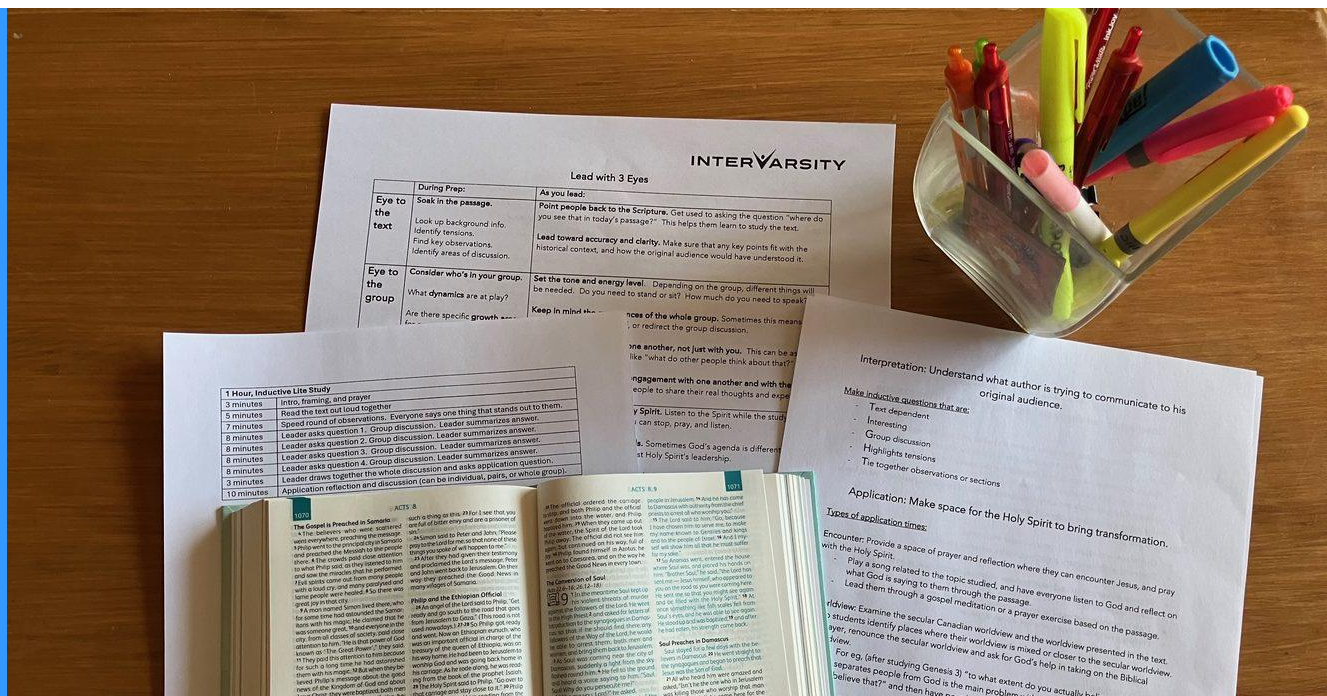
~ Jude, Age 17



Funding Update

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry. This fall, I am hoping to raise an additional \$800 per month in monthly donations in order to sustainably fund this ministry. If you sense God placing it on your heart to contribute financially, you can make a donation at the link below, or contact me for more information.

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Student Leader Training

Student led, small group Bible studies are a key program in our campus fellowships. As the new school year began, I led a training session for the uOttawa student leaders on how to lead excellent small group Bible Studies. Pray for these student leaders as they study the word with their peers on campus this year.



LEAD Begins

Last week, we welcomed eight 18-20 year olds into the Leadership Experience And Discipleship (LEAD) program at Circle Square Ranch. LEAD is a gap year program, designed to help young people get a solid Biblical foundation, grow in character, and develop practical skills through service. I love getting to invest in these young people when I'm at the Ranch, through leading some of their Bible studies, sessions, and through mentoring. Pray that this year will be a year of substantial growth for each one involved.

Overview of InterVarsity's ministry in Eastern Ontario:



CIRCLE SQUARE RANCH

Overnight summer camp for kids age 6 to 16.

Horseback riding, climbing, swimming, worship and Biblical teaching.

Youth retreats and leadership training programs.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Undergrad Student Ministry at uOttawa, Carleton, Algonquin and Trent.

Graduate Student and Faculty Ministry and International Student Ministry at uOttawa.

Launch groups for recent graduates.

INTER SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Christian clubs in Ottawa area high schools.

Ottawa high school student leaders cohort.

Connect a student to InterVarsity:

Being part of a vibrant Christian community is important for the faith development of young people. If you have someone you would like to connect to our ministry, send me an email to make the introduction!

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