

Title: "Heading to Urbana Tomorrow!"

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Charlotte and I are heading to Urbana tomorrow! Wow, what an adventure!!

As mentioned in an earlier note, we will have 175 Immanuel Approach facilitators on the team, and this means that we will be able to offer more than 1,500 Immanuel sessions over the course of the conference.

Also, if we have any sessions where there are fewer students (which sometimes happens early in the week), facilitators will be able to double up, so that those who are less experienced will be able to observe more experienced facilitators, and then also lead sessions with more experienced facilitators watching and coaching. Furthermore, if there are ever "extra" facilitators not engaged in these first two training opportunities, we will encourage them to facilitate for each other, so that they will both receive ministry as well as gain additional practice.

This may end up being both the largest Immanuel Approach ministry endeavor in history, and also the largest intermediate-level Immanuel Approach training endeavor in history.

As also mentioned earlier, we are expecting that we will encounter some challenging situations. Again, we are doing everything we can think of to prepare for this, but we would still greatly appreciate prayer from the wider Immanuel Approach community. Please pray especially during the time of the actual prayer ministry -- from 1:30 to 6:00 on the afternoons of Thursday the 29th, Friday the 30th, and Saturday the 31st. Also, please pray for all those on our team. Some of us have been experiencing more-than-usual health difficulties, and a number of the ministry team members have also been encountering major personal/family crisis situations.

Finally, if we get \$10,000 in end-of-year giving, we will be able to cover all of our training expenses for 2022, which has included the whole set of basic training videos for all twenty of the IVCF regional leaders, and will include LOTS of extra time from me during the actual conference. Also, just in case anybody is wondering about this one and it's affecting morale with respect to contributions: Charlotte and I try to lead by example, and are giving at least as much time, money, and materials as any other donor or volunteer. (Note: All of the contributions are still coming from less than 2% of our Immanuel Approach community, so to the many who have been benefitting from our Immanuel Approach work, but have not yet helped with the InterVarsity IA training fund: it would be great if you could send in even \$25.)

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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