

Title: "Urbana Update – First Two Days (Amazing!)"

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Greetings all,

Thought you would enjoy getting an up Urbana update, and we would greatly appreciate continued prayer.

First day went really well. Hundreds of prayer sessions, including lots of training/practice sessions in which less-experienced InterVarsity staff got to both facilitate and receive with more experience Immanuel Approach community volunteers. MANY people experiencing the living presence of Jesus.

On the second day, the plenary speaker talked about trauma and then told everyone about our prayer room. And this presentation was to 6,000 people, so we were swamped. We had kids at every one of our 150+ prayer stations, continuously, for four hours. The line went down the long, long, long, long convention center hallway and then around a corner – it was so long you practically needed binoculars to see the students at the end. There were hundreds of kids we never got to pray for – most of them are planning to come back today.

Third day (today): The prayer room is only open in the afternoon, so as not to conflict with the plenary sessions in the morning, but we're planning to start an hour earlier today to be able to pray with more students. Our teams will be praying continuously from 12:30 to 6:00.

Lots of beautiful stories. I talked briefly with one facilitator who said that three of the students he prayed with yesterday experienced the living, tangible, personal, interactive presence of Jesus for the first time in their lives. **Many of the students are saying things like, "Oh my goodness – Jesus is standing in front of me and He's talking to me. This is AMAZING! I didn't even know this was possible!"**

Continued prayers much appreciated.

Love and blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

P.S. We had only 150+ prayer stations, instead of 175, because we lost quite a few prayer ministers to medical and personal emergencies. And we also had 10-15 of our most experienced facilitators available to any of the less experienced facilitators as troubleshooting consultants, so these consultants weren't able to provide their own prayer stations.

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