Title: "InterVarsity Alumni Testimony #5"

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Greetings all,

Here's yet another encouraging, inspiring note from an InterVarsity alumna:

IVCF and the Immanuel Approach have been two of the greatest influences in my life as a Christian. I can't think of two better matched ministries to partner together to strategically advance God's Kingdom.

As a new Christian, I participated in the IVCF Chapter at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus, and later helped to establish the chapter at Northeastern Illinois University. Both provided me with a solid foundation for Christian fellowship, worship, discipleship, and ministry. The Small Group Bible Study Leaders Track at Chapter Camp equipped me with helpful skills, while establishing the central role of Scripture in my life and ministry. An inner city spring break experience confirmed God's call to teach and to bring God's love to children with learning disabilities and/or trauma from violence, poverty, racism, and persecution, which I have continued in for the past thirty years.

My growth into the likeness of Jesus; intimacy with God; joy in life; relationships with my husband, family, and friends; and work with children were all significantly hampered by my limited emotional capacity, limited relationship skills, and need for healing from the dysfunction and trauma of my childhood. Immanuel Prayer facilitated by trained laypersons, in conjunction with professional counseling and training in maturity and relationship skills, has enabled me to freely love God with a whole heart, mind, and body and to love others with the same joy at the center....

When I think back on my own InterVarsity experiences and those of my fellow chapter members, I feel great excitement at the opportunity to impact IVCF staff, and through them students who are making their first decisions for the direction of their adult lives, with the Immanuel Approach.

Mary Anne

Also, I was recently a guest on the "Every Day Royalty" podcast with Keri Kitchen, talking about the Immanuel Approach. The youtube video can be accessed here: <a href="https://youtu.be/AhcPBxs8Lcg">https://youtu.be/AhcPBxs8Lcg</a> And the audio can be accessed here: <a href="https://everydayroyal.libsyn.com/the-living-interactive-presence-of-jesus-christ-with-dr-karl-lehman">https://everydayroyal.libsyn.com/the-living-interactive-presence-of-jesus-christ-with-dr-karl-lehman</a>

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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