

Title: "Quick InterVarsity Update"

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Greetings all,

Just wanted to send a quick update regarding our InterVarsity adventures.

A really fun piece of good news is that several staff have reported going back to campus and using the initial steps of the Immanuel Approach process (to help students connect with the living presence of Jesus) *after receiving only basic training with the new video series*.

Another piece of good news is that I have talked with several InterVarsity staff who are totally excited about working with me to do IA beta testing with their students over zoom. So we will be moving ahead with all of the beta-testing ideas I mentioned in my earlier note (consultation Immanuel Approach healing sessions to help with particularly difficult student situations, opportunities to explain the Immanuel Approach to groups of students, opportunities to lead group exercises, where I would coach students to practice the first several steps of the Immanuel Approach with each other, opportunities to get feedback from students regarding any/all aspects of the Immanuel Approach, opportunities to identify common questions that come up, and opportunities to try the Immanuel Approach with unbelievers).

Yet another piece of good news is that a number of *very* experienced facilitators from the wider Immanuel Approach community have joined the volunteer prayer ministry team for Urbana. Their presence will be a huge resource and blessing!

A piece of bad news is that we hugely underestimated the amount of my time that would be required for recruiting and caring for volunteers. So our estimate for the total cost for all of our InterVarsity Immanuel-Approach adventures from Jan 2022 to July 2023 is now closer to \$55,000 (consultation with leaders, recruiting volunteers, training for staff and volunteers, etc, + books and other training materials + \$5,000 for copies of the new basic training videos for each of the twenty regional directors), as opposed to the previous estimate of \$43,000 (\$38,000 for everything else + \$5,000 for new basic training for regional directors). I still think this is a fantastic deal, in light of everything we will be doing, but I apologize for such a large error with respect to estimated budget.

A piece of **good news** with respect to finances is that we already have funds to cover a quarter of this total budget. And as mentioned in an earlier note, to those of you who have been contributing -- thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated!

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

P.S. The training fund spreadsheet from InterVarsity continues to show that all of the contributions are still coming from less than 2% of the IA e-newsletter community. I'm wondering if there may be a lot of people who are still thinking that they don't need to be concerned with this particular need because somebody else will certainly take care of it? As mentioned in an earlier note, it would be really helpful if a much larger group sent in gifts of even \$20 or \$50. And the InterVarsity team has made the link below very easy to use.

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