

Ministry Partners and Friends,

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7

As I reflect on twenty years with InterVarsity, one truth remains: discipleship is both deeply rewarding and sometimes heartbreaking.

This past Spring, I was thrilled to welcome Eve—a young Black woman passionate about Jesus and our mission—onto the QC staff team. Eve has been discipled by InterVarsity staff in her days at Dawson and Concordia, attended Urbana three times, and stepped out in faith to join the staff. The last time we had a black staff member on the QC team was more than ten years ago.

Eve's voice and perspective were a gift we had long missed on our team.

Sadly, Eve became ill and needed to step back to recover. I've felt helpless, wishing I could do more. Would you join me in praying for Eve's healing and restoration?

Even in the midst of challenges, I'm grateful that God continues to give me the privilege of discipling young Black women—Rebecca and Sabrina. Both of them are preparing to go to Urbana in just two weeks.

Sabrina, a McGill student, wrote, "This January, I got the opportunity to go to the Ambition Conference in Denver, Colorado. There were so many nationalities at the conference but all of us gathered in one place because of the same faith in Jesus. I learnt prayer ministry, how to be a disciple of Jesus, deliverance and healing ministry, hearing the voice of God with fellow believers, how to be impactful on campus ministry and much more. As a student and young adult who desires to know how I can grow in faith and serve God, Urbana is another good opportunity for that."

Rebecca, a Concordia student, wrote, "Isaiah 6:8 says, 'Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to these people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me.' I am passionate about adventure and trying new things. This part of my personality makes me what my friends like to call a "mission lady," and I wouldn't totally disagree with them. As I've matured in my relationship with God, I've learned that when He gives you opportunities, saying yes not only glorifies Him but is also life-changing and fulfilling for the one who responds. Because of that, I've made it my life motto to never miss a door that God opens for me. I am very happy to be going to Urbana and am hopeful for what God will do there."

Rebecca and Sabrina are stepping out in faith to attend Urbana, but they need a little help to get there. Together, they need \$1,500 to cover part of their flight costs.

If you were planning to give a Year-End gift to me, would you consider blessing them instead? Your gift will directly help these two courageous young women say "yes" to God's call.

You can give by clicking HERE (<https://ivcf.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=af7245394b6634ef57c75d47&id=e06b3a114d&e=c29ae6f0df>) and writing "Flight to Urbana" in the comment. Every dollar makes a difference in helping them experience this life-changing conference.

Would you pray these words into my life-- "You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail."

Proverbs 19:21

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Give to Urbana Scholarship for Rebecca and Sabrina (<https://ivcf.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aef7245394b6634ef57c75d47&id=15f354e5e2&e=c29ae6f0df>)

WARNING! Please do not share Steve's pictures in public or on social media.

Besides my role in Quebec, I also have the joy of discipling other staff. One of them is Steve Schelm, who serves in Eurasia. (Photo: Student group. Ayasofya/ Hagia Sophia, a Byzantine cathedral (537 AD), then an Ottoman mosque (1453), a museum (1935), and now a mosque again (2020).)

In May, after visiting Steve, I travelled to Poland to visit Vera Ivankina, another overseas staff I also disciple. During my time there, I got to meet her students and connect with her church community. You can watch her video update HERE (<https://ivcf.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aef7245394b6634ef57c75d47&id=4bc489fd27&e=c29ae6f0df>) . (Photo: Gross-Rosen Museum in Rogoźnica, the site of a former concentration camp from 1940–1945. The second version of the Memorial Sculpture of Dietrich Bonhoeffer—born on February 4 in Wrocław—is an evangelical theologian and member of the German Resistance Movement against National Socialism for the sake of his Christian faith. He was executed in Flossenbürg Concentration Camp on April 9, 1945.)

Isa 43:18-19 "This is what God says,...

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present.

I'm about to do something brand-new.

It's bursting out! Don't you see it?"

This September, I tried something new--being present at alcohol-fuelled environments by partnering with Red Frogs (<https://ivcf.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aef7245394b6634ef57c75d47&id=b588cca0e2&e=c29ae6f0df>) . The vision of Red Frogs is to reduce suffering and safeguard a generation of young people, acting as a positive peer presence. For example, we were at McGill Frosh week in September, the Champlain Halloween party in November, and coming up soon, McGill Carnival in January. Curious what this looks like in action? Check out this short video HERE (<https://ivcf.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aef7245394b6634ef57c75d47&id=d4e276ad4c&e=c29ae6f0df>) !

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