

INTERVARSITY in West Michigan



**Unto us a child is born...
Merry Christmas!**



Dave and Jessica's December Prayer Letter

Jesus and Justice at MSU

"Where do you want to see yourself spiritually when you graduate from college?" Krista* pondered this question as we talked about her spiritual life over burritos. Though Krista described herself as an atheist, she replied, "I'd like to be at peace with myself and to know that God and others accept me for who I am." As we talked for the next two hours, Krista described the barrage of worldviews she's encountered during her first semester at college pulling her to question her sexuality, relationships and how she sees the world. Our conversation occurred during "The Price of Life Invitational" at Michigan State University where multiple InterVarsity chapters partnered with other Christian groups to raise awareness and funds in the fight against human sex trafficking. As Krista & I talked about the spiritual implications for the modern day slave trade it was amazing to think that hundreds of students could walk into nearly any cafeteria on campus and have a conversation with a trained Christian leader about the personal and global implications of the Gospel (Pictured Left). Though Krista didn't make a decision to follow Jesus, 105 other students did throughout the course of the week. Along with 87 other students, Krista was interested in learning more about Jesus in a "Group Investigating God" Bible study. Praise God that during these past few weeks, Christian students have been meeting with seekers and new believers to help them take the next steps spiritually. Praise God that almost 1,000 students heard Jesus' message of personal and global transformation at our main event during the week. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to open the hearts of students like Krista to meet Jesus. *students name has been changed



Goals for the New Year

As InterVarsity staff members, our vision is to see students and faculty transformed, campuses renewed and world changers developed. At Michigan State University this past fall, God worked in powerful ways to mobilize individuals and groups towards this vision. In this next year, I (Jessica) will be taking a new job that will focus on evangelistic training and mobilization for students and staff in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia & Western Pennsylvania. Dave will continue to develop a witnessing community at Ferris State University. Our desire is to see Jesus move on many more campus like he did at MSU, bringing salvation to lost students, renewal to spiritually dark parts of campus and equipping Christians to participate in God's global kingdom work. Our goal this December is to raise \$14,000 to move us forward in reaching more students and campuses. Included in this goal is the \$6,000 for an M.A. in Evangelism and Leadership program Jessica will be enrolling in this spring. Would you consider giving an annual gift this December to help meet this goal? For this purpose we have enclosed a giving envelope or you can give online at www.intervarsity.org/donate. Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership!