

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Professional Schools Ministries

An Update from John Terrill June 2008

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Greetings from Madison...

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the early days of summer. The following update and accompanying letter is packed with news, so I invite you to read on. Thank you for the countless ways that you encourage and support me in my role with InterVarsity. I'm deeply grateful and have learned much about God's boundless generosity and grace through your example.

Winds of Change Are Blowing...

If you haven't yet read the accompanying letter, I invite you to do so now. It chronicles in detail some of the changes taking place in my life and in Professional Schools Ministries (PSM).

After ten terrific years with InterVarsity, I've accepted a new ministry assignment with the School of Business and Economics at Seattle Pacific University (SPU), where I'll direct the Center for Integrity in Business. The "off-ramp" with InterVarsity, as I describe in the enclosed letter, will be slow and steady, so your ongoing prayers and financial investment will be greatly appreciated and needed.



I sold my home in the Madison area quickly, which was a tremendous blessing.

Here's how things will unfold through the end of the calendar year: Effective June 30th, after returning from the Central African Republic, I'll step away from my PSM Director responsibilities. Steve Cook, currently PSM Associate Director, will begin serving as PSM Interim Director. Pete Hammond, a long-term, recently retired InterVarsity colleague and champion of Graduate & Faculty Ministries, will come alongside Steve to support the PSM Leadership Team.

After June 30th, I'll continue in my role as the Associate Director for InterVarsity's Following Christ 2008 Conference, to be held in Chicago December 27-31, 2008. Then, in mid-August, I'll move to Seattle, where I'll begin my duties (80% time) as Director of the Center for Integrity in Business. I'll be 100% time with SPU starting January 1st, 2009.

I'll write more in future newsletters about this transition, the Following Christ 2008 Conference, and my new role with SPU, all of which thrill me. For now, though, I'd simply invite you to pray and partner with us as we make this transition. The PSM Leadership Team is comprised of outstanding individuals who know their strengths (and weaknesses), long for God's grace and peace, and welcome your prayers.



The PSM Leadership Team recently met in Chicago. Pictured from left to right are Mike Schutt, Steve Cook, John Terrill, Pete Hammond, Gordon Govier, Mark Washington, and John Bayon. This team is one of the finest of which I've ever had the privilege to be a part. The future of PSM is in good hands!

Central African Republic...

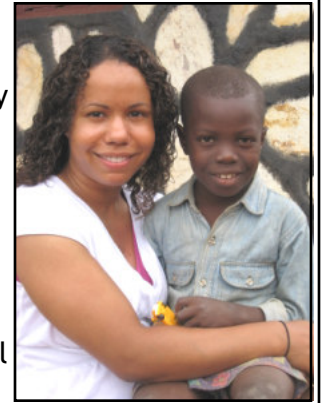
For the third consecutive year I'll be co-leading a team of graduate students, faculty, and InterVarsity colleagues to the Central African Republic (CAR).

We depart for the CAR on June 9th and return on June 27th. The purpose of our work will be to come alongside Integrated Community Development International (ICDI) and its African partner, Center International for the Development of the Ethic of Leadership (CIDEL), as they support (and stimulate growth in) churches, seminaries, the University of Bangui, and various governmental agencies. We have meetings scheduled with both the Minister of Planning and Prime Minister of the country, which present wonderful opportunities for high-level influence and change.

More specifically, we'll be leading seminars (and discussions) on business ethics, micro-enterprise development (MED), and the integration of work and faith principles. We'll also be meeting with groups of women to understand their unique needs, as well as conducting MED research to pass along to Hope International, as they explore micro-finance work in this part of the world.

The need for prayer support for a project like this is critical. Please join with us in asking God to care for our unique needs, praying specifically for fruitful meetings, safety (ongoing rebel and bandit activity in some parts of the country), good health, and a humble learning posture on our behalf as we work with our African partners.

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and financial partnership. I'm deeply grateful and humbled by your generosity. Enjoy your summer! ~ *John*



One of last year's team members, Alisha Graham, with a young Central African boy.