

dear friends,

The fall semester is close to finished, so I'd love to recap some of these last few months.

GREEK MINISTRY

Serina Jolivette came to UF all the way from Madison, WI to plant a Greek IV chapter here at UF. She's currently fund-raising but already has developed some Greek student contacts at UF.



Post-Large Group Hangout

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To add to the diverse multiethnic community we already have at UF, we now have several student leaders who have a passion to work with international students. They're already making inroads spreading the Gospel in UF's international student communities.

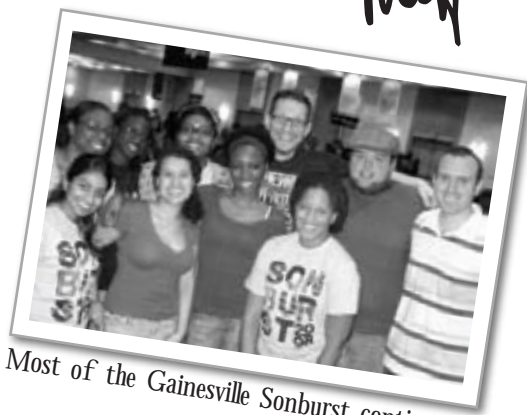
SONBURST 2008

Every year InterVarsity Florida holds a state-wide conference in Orlando called Sonburst where hundreds of students join together to praise and worship God, join in fellowship with Christians from other schools, learn from IV staff and other students, and be encouraged to take what they've learned out to their campuses.

The UF students who attended Sonburst this year were challenged to find their rest, confidence, and ability in God, and to submit themselves and the chapter to him. Saturday night found all of the UF attendees in an extended time of passionate prayer. Coming out of this they were energized and excited to move forward with God's call on our community and ministry at UF!

2008-2009. Because of pledged yearly and monthly giving (thank you!!!), my balance jumped to 90% fundraised, but I would love your prayers and support to get up to 100% for the 2008-2009 financial year. Also, as you're considering your finances at the end of the year, would you consider giving an end-of-the-year gift to continue your support of the ministry?

Thanks for your prayer!



Most of the Gainesville Sonburst contingent

FUNDRAISING IS NEVER DONE

July marked a new financial year for IV, and that means my balance returned to zero for

personally,

I'll be getting married in March—things have changed a lot! Last month I proposed to my girlfriend (who's coming on staff!) and we're planning a wedding in Gainesville for March 21st. Tereva and I have

already found a church where we'll be getting married, and now we're learning all

about wedding preparations, reception halls, flowers, and all of that. She'll also be flying home to Michigan with me for Thanksgiving to see my family's home for the first time! Things are moving forward with either renting or purchasing a new home, and I already have someone lined up to replace me at the house where I'm currently renting.



Tereva and I - right after I proposed

Prayer Requests

- Pray that our leaders would find favor with and sensitivity to international students, and speak the truth of Christ to them in a way that is uncompromising and at the same time grace-filled and engaging.
- Pray for three of our leaders who are actively engaging their atheist, Hindu and Muslim friends with the Kingdom of God, and that God would keep fueling their friends' desires to learn more about Jesus.
- Praise God that student leaders are being bold to speak to friends, roommates, classmates, and family about what Jesus has done for them and through them!

thank you!

Thank you for your financial & prayer support as I minister at UF!

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