

The Lake Effect – Great Lakes West

MULTIETHNIC MINISTRIES UPDATE FROM KATHY KHANG

Winter 2013

Radio Silence

This has been a particularly silent & confusing time in ministry as I have spent almost a year away from the daily responsibilities of supervising staff & moving multiethnic ministry in Illinois & Indiana forward to raise additional ministry support. As I headed into the end of our fiscal year (June) I was looking at a \$30,000 deficit despite steep pay cuts, wondering what this renewed invitation & challenge to raise support meant. I took on a part-time retail job both holiday seasons to help cover the lost salary. We tried to find the silver lining, knowing this year's tax returns are part of the equation for Bethany's financial aid prospects. And I continue to wrestle with what it means to depend fully on the Lord. Thank & praise God with me for new ministry partners & current partners who gave sacrificially & joyfully to help me finish the fiscal year with 1/10th of that deficit!! My prayer for the new year is to see an additional \$73,000 raised so that I would be completely free to serve with InterVarsity full-time at the salary InterVarsity would like to pay me. Please join me in my crazy prayer!



Released to Minister

With the initial \$30k deficit fairly under control, I was able to attend staff meetings & conferences in Wheaton, Alsip, & New York City. Released to re-engage in ministry I have been fighting off frustration having had long-range plans for Asian American & Black Campus ministries delayed by more than a year & regaining focus & energy to see ministry grow in the region. What a joy & honor it was to catch up with new staff like Jerrica – a former student leader I met four years ago as I was leaving Northwestern University staff, & Esther – another student leader from University of Illinois – Chicago I met as a large group speaker! I was also able to take on speaking opportunities at North Park seminary & Q:Women & Calling, allowing me to brag about InterVarsity to new audiences!

From the Homefront

We are weeks/months away from Bethany saying “yes” to a college. Peter & I continue to be blown away by her poise & determination as she auditions & waits to hear from dance programs. You can follow me on Instagram @mskathykhang to see us launch our firstborn, #flymysweet. It's also a new season with Corban in high school, growing overnight, running cross country, & consuming large amounts of meat while Elias has adjusted well to middle school, opening a locker, changing for gym, & letter grades. In all of the transitions, Peter & I are remembering that marriage does not restart after the kids leave the nest & are trying to spend time talking rather than texting. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of having InterVarsity as part of our family's story!

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Thank you!

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Prayer Requests

- For InterVarsity's triennial national staff conference Jan. 7-11 in St. Louis.
- For GLW senior leadership team meetings Jan. 14-16 in Loda IL.
- For wisdom as I plan out time for reflection, writing, speaking, and rest.
- For an additional \$73,000 in new annual support.