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## **Dear Partners and Friends...**

Greetings from FGCU & Florida Southwestern State College,

"I am He that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more..." Revelation 1:18 -клу

**URBANA18** - Every 3 years delegates from all over the globe gather in St. Louis for the largest student missions conference in the world. This year over 10,000 attended including our 23rd and 24th delegates since 2000. About 6,500 students committed to pursue short term or longer term missions as our past delegates have done, to the US, Haiti, Tanzania and Australia.

**NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** - For the second time in six years, one of our NCF students has been chosen as Nursing Student Of The Year from among all nursing students at FGCU. In 2014 it was one of our ladies. This year it is one of our gentlemen.

**UNPLUGGED 2019 -** This year Ft. Myers joined St. Petersburg and Sarasota to form a new administrative Area within the IV Florida Region, The Sun Coast Area. Unplugged was our first new Area winter retreat. The format featured lots of time "unplugged" from smart phones and laptops amid uplifting worship, quite time with God, breakout discussion groups and seminars like the one I taught on praying through scripture.

**CAMPUS OUTREACH** - InterVarsity's mission statement describes us as "witnessing communities". So, in addition to gathering for Bible studies, going on enrichment retreats and offering service to the community, we also do visible outreach on the open public areas of campus. This semester our students shared the Gospel with peers at contact tables and at our annual spring prayer tent on the library lawn. Despite cold rainy, windy weather, around 45 students participated in prayer walks of the campus. Dozens signed up for intercessory shifts around the clock in the tent and scores more stopped by to fill out prayer request cards.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS -**

**Nova chapter plant -** Please pray for God's wisdom, timing and favor as we begin to take steps needed to plant a new chapter on Nova's Ft. Myers campus.

Focus Week 2019 - Please pray for God's blessings for funding, safety, health and transformation on students and staff attending this Regional leadership retreat and for me as I teach on small group leadership evangelism skills and members' care practices. THANK YOU - for your prayers and financial support this year! If you have not donated to our ministry so far this academic year, please consider making a generous donation before our fiscal year ends June 30th.





Friday night Bible Fellowship



NCF gathering



Jason and James sharing the Gospel on campus



Alyssa and Tony sharing the Gospel on campus



Urbana 18 delegates Tina and Katie



Marco with migrant family we adopted for Christmas