



INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Edison State College  **Florida Gulf Coast University**



Eli, Ana and Nelson welcome new students to Edison State InterVarsity.

Dear Partners and Friends...

Greetings from Edison State College & Florida Gulf Coast Univ.,
“...Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15 KJV

STRATEGIC MISSION FIELD: The colleges of SW Florida are strategic mission fields! Missionary to Ireland, Bruce Alwood stated last year, “I remain convinced there is no more strategic mission field in the U.S. than the university.” And according to Charles Malik, “Change the university and you change the world!” Indeed, the world is at our doorstep, as 157 nations and 98 languages are represented by the students of just one of SW FL’s counties!

Since school began I have met with two international students who came to Christ through our ministry at ESC last year; one from *Peru* and the other from *El Salvador*. At FGCU two of our new students are from *England* and *Mexico*. God has also opened an opportunity for us to address FGCU’s *International Student Reception* Oct.1st. Ministry to Internationals is just one part of our vision for the campuses. IVCF’s Vision Statement is, “*Students and faculty transformed, campuses renewed and world changers developed.*” Below are examples of how God is using us to fulfil this ministry vision at ESC & FGCU.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY TRANSFORMED:

Michelle is an FGCU student who came to Christ at last Spring’s retreat. Here is her view of how IV has impacted her life. “Since I became a member of InterVarsity it changed my life completely. It made me more aware of how much God’s love can have an effect on my life.”

Prof. Tina Ellis, our NCF/FGCU faculty advisor, also commented, “God has transformed me through the NCF/IVCF experience. I’m growing by leaps and bounds in my relationships with Christ and students!”

CAMPUSES RENEWED: Developing a culture of prayer has had a renewing effect on ESC & FGCU. Sept. 22nd both ESC & FGCU IV chapters will host a *See You At The Pole* prayer rally open to the entire campus. Last year the ESC event drew 125+ students and faculty.

WORLD CHANGERS DEVELOPED: ESC alumnus Michael Patnode has become the 9th ESC/FGCU grad since 2001 to subsequently enroll in a *Bible College* or *Seminary*.

Thank you for partnering with us in our vision for SWF through your prayers and financial donations as we follow God onto the campus mission field for the 13th year.

Your Campus Missionary,



Chris and Allison help new freshmen move in at FGCU.



Faculty advisor Tina Ellis holds newborn she delivered on summer Guatemala missions trip.



Local teens hear the Gospel at summer concert in Lehigh Acres.



InterVarsity students gather for fellowship event.