

In my new role as Divisional Director of the Southland Division, I lead and supervise ministry in KY, TN, GA, AL, MS, and LA. Traveling to Baton Rouge and Memphis I worked alongside the Deep South Area Director *Bill DePury* to interview 3 campus staff candidates. One will plant new ministry at LSU, the other two will serve at the University of Memphis reaching out to International Students. I've been praying for the Cities of the Southland, would you join me in prayer for **Memphis and Baton Rouge?** And **Jackson, MS?** Reports out of our new chapter plant at Jackson State University are remarkable! In the spring I traveled to Jackson to tour the campus to prayer walk with our Chapter Planter *Jason Abrams*. Already there are student leaders who have God's Vision for Jesus to be glorified at this Historically Black College or University (HBCU), dreaming about how many students they will influence with the gospel. An initial event on campus drew 150 students, small group Bible studies led by students have dozens in attendance! And **New Orleans?** The city still recovering from Katrina, is celebrating a Super Bowl win. I'm praising God for a gifted ministry leader who is applying to join our work at Tulane and UNO! And **Pensacola?** ... Another candidate is praying about applying to serve at the U of West Florida. The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers! What about **Alabama?** Continue to pray for InterVarsity's work in Alabama to be renewed and for the right Leader to join staff there.

Soon, I'll travel to **Atlanta** for the Georgia Fall Conference with AD *Brian Chang*. There the chapter plant at Georgia State is growing in its third year, and a chapter plant at Kennesaw State among Fraternity and Sorority students is just beginning. Pray for Staff to join our team to lead some of our most effective chapters, particularly at Georgia Tech. Our dream is for the right staff to be called to serve at the HBCUs in the AU Center: Morehouse, Clark-Atlanta, Spelman and Morris-Brown. Pray that our ministry there would produce InterVarsity Staff who would plant new ministry at other HBCUs and open doors at these schools for InterVarsity through our good reputation. We need the grace of God and wisdom in these relationships. Pray!

Pray for InterVarsity in Tennessee as the TN Fall Conference is a missional outreach at the U of Tennessee. Pray for their preparation and for the fruit of the mission to be lasting and bountiful in **Knoxville, Maryville, Chattanooga, and Nashville**. Pray also for Area Director, *Joshua Settles* to have God's favor of new staff to join the TN team.

Simultaneously, in **Louisville**, I'm working with renewed emphasis at the University of Louisville, partnering with campus staff there to disciple some students. In addition, Kristi is leading a small group on campus of freshmen women and we are hosting parties for students in our home. Our life is full and beautiful. Pray for the renewal of our work in Kentucky and for Assoc. AD *Kimberly Blackford* as she leads our work in **Lexington, Richmond and Berea**.

More Prayer Requests

- Pray for newly appointed KY staff Nate Merritt and Kristie Mandolini. Pray for Nate's Funding to be completed and for Kristie's transition to a new city in Lexington.
- Pray for Kristi to serve the women in her small group with grace and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that God would open the door for us to **plant new ministry** on a new campuses in KY and TN and AL in the next year!
- Check out www.intervarsity.org/donate/to/eric_peterson At this site you can sign up to give automatically, by credit card, or find the form to mail a check. Or use the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel!

In Him, *Eric, Kristi, Caleb, Daniel and Rachel Peterson*