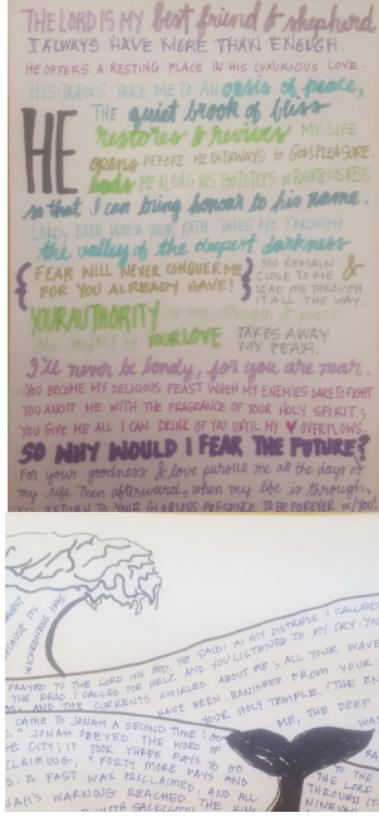




# greetings

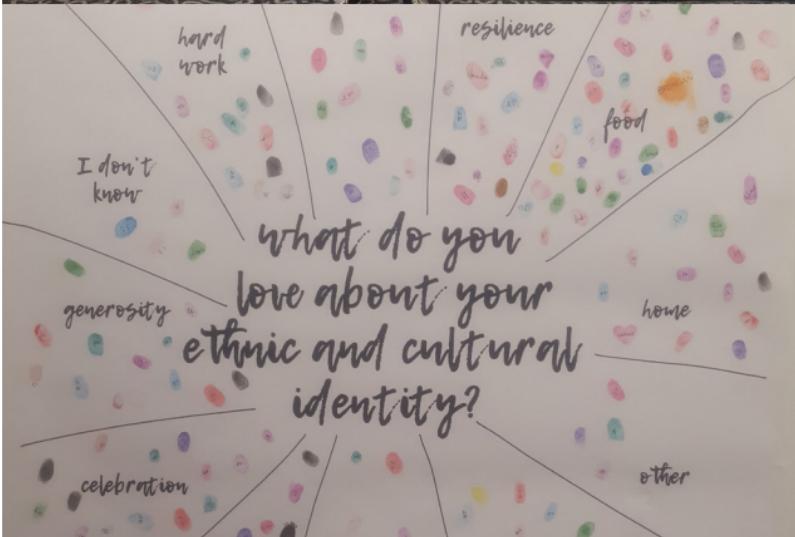


This school year has flown by, and I have been blessed to serve and influence ministry on the local, regional and national level. Here are some of my highlights from this year. Thank you for the many ways you come alongside me in prayers, finances, encouragement and abundantly practical ways. I am grateful for your partnership.



In scripture studies at Ryerson and OCAD the fellowships chose to step away from a focused chronological inductive manuscript studies, and opt for topical and story-based studies. At Ryerson, the students have been challenged and encouraged by the life and leadership of Joseph. At OCAD, the students spent the fall engaging issues of compassion and justice. In the winter, the OCAD students wanted to try an inductive study of an old testament story they knew but never studied, so we spent time in the book of Jonah. It was interesting to see these students wrestle with the ways they run away from God's call or choose to be disobedient or remain in their anger; the study series brought about a lot of self-awareness and led to healing and repentance.

In addition to the scripture studies, we spent some time praying using the book of psalms, and allowing the psalmists to inspire artwork. We called these gatherings "Arting through the Psalms", each week we would gather with different art mediums and look at a different psalm in various translations and make art inspired by the words, phrases or images that stirred us. To the left is an image of the 23rd psalm, inspired by The Passion Translation, which is one of the new favorite translations of the OCAD students.



These ways of engaging scripture shifted how we approached social gatherings and outreach, as we spent more time talking with each other deeply about our lives or interacted with the stories of people who have experienced injustice, through movies and partnering with local ministries that serve marginalized people in the city. Our waffle night collaborative art pieces highlighted themes of justice and identity and led to some great conversations with the larger OCAD campus community. These are some of the interactive artpieces we have done as a community this year.



# regional



In the beginning of May, I once again directed our regional manuscript conference for all the Greater Toronto Area and South Western Ontario campuses, MARKcentral at Pioneer Camp Ontario. My role allowed me to make sure the conference had overall cohesion, and offered spaces for students to process their time together in scripture through fun activities, prayer, worship and with three difference interactive art installations, one is featured below. In the middle of the below photo to the left are two of the many new Ryerson students who attended. It was a blessing to encounter students who found out about the conference through other means but then got connected into their local fellowship group!



# national



Nationally, our movement has been going through a lot of transition as we have been preparing for a new president. I have had a few opportunities to speak to the InterVarsity Board and Senior Executive Team about some of my experiences working with Millennials and with students of diverse ethnic backgrounds. It has been an honour and a privilege to know that I have been able to be heard and advocate for these communities. I have also had some opportunities to lead on a national level.

Every three or so years in December, all campus, camp, national service centre, and internationally seconded staff gather for a national staff conference. This time I served on the leadership team, overseeing the stage design as well as creating opportunities for community building. One of the activities I led involved praying for our International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) sister movements



in the Caribbean and creating quilt squares reflecting our prayers, that I then sewed into 2 quilts, one for InterVarsity Canada and one for CARIFES.

In May, at our national campus staff gathering, I was asked to lead everyone in a tangible prayer activity. In our regional staff teams, we would write words reflecting gifts and barriers to the ministry on campus, break the platters and then form them into a mosaic to symbolize our trusting God for more.

In April, I had the opportunity to go the CARIFES national staff conference, where I was able to present the quilt and meet delegates from the countries for whom we were praying in December! It was such an honour and blessing! Deep friendships were formed and seeds were planted for future partnership opportunities between our movements. The conference was hosted in Trinidad, and I felt home right away. I especially felt close to my friends and students from the Caribbean, as I was able to see firsthand the place they loved.

# upcoming

Where did the summer go? It's gone by too fast! Here are some upcoming plans and prayer requests:

- I will be spending a few weeks working at Ontario Pioneer Camp, pray for the partnership and for the staff and campers.
- I am part of a book launch team (see photo), I recommend checking out this book, *Raise Your Voice* by Kathy Khang when it comes out on July 31! Available on Amazon & Indigo
- Urbana is coming up this December, I will get the chance to work with the InterVarsity USA Arts Ministry team, pray for good partnership and for the students who will be coming from all over Canada and the US to receive from God that week and learn from the book of Revelation.



# thank you

For your continued prayers and partnership with this ministry. I couldn't do this without you!



# cornbread waffles



**1 cup yellow cornbread  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/4 tsp ground paprika  
1 1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 egg slightly beaten**

**1/2 cup AP flour  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
3 Tbsp melted butter**

Preheat and lightly grease a waffle iron according to manufacturer's instructions.

Whisk cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and paprika together in a bowl. Stir buttermilk, butter, and egg

together in a separate bowl; stir into flour mixture until batter is just blended.

Ladle 1/2 to 3/4 cup batter into the preheated waffle iron; cook waffle according to manufacturers' instructions until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Repeat with remaining batter.

Recipe from: [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)