

IS/IVCF NEWSLETTER

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Time Flies!

It has been one year since I moved to the Cayman Islands to join as IS/IVCF staff. God has really been faithful and I celebrate all He has helped us to accomplish. I am also extremely grateful for the new friendships that were formed, and the support received from various individuals as well as churches.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, IS/IVCF was able to conduct general and class devotions in a few schools, host 3 Prayer Breakfasts, a community outreach event, a student retreat, among other activities. We have also seen students saying "YES" to Jesus, engage in intriguing biblical discussions, and ask the difficult questions surrounding faith. We are enormously thankful for our committed Christian teachers, volunteers and donors for partnering with us as we seek to make Christ known in our schools. We look forward to your support for the 2023-2024 academic year.



Community Outreach

In March of this year, IS/IVCF hosted an outreach event in the Watler Park community (commonly referred to as Dog City). Students from different schools across the island participated in the sharing of the soup. They, along with adult volunteers, went out in groups to distribute the soup, sandwiches and tracts to the residents. We were also able to encourage and pray for those who allowed us. In one instance, one resident shared, in tears, that our visit came as an answered prayer and a reminder to her that God loves her. Please pray with us, that these residents will embrace God's love.

Student Retreat

IS/IVCF also hosted a discipleship retreat earlier this year. We had representatives from 6 high schools, including Layman Scott High on the Brac, as well as UCCI. Our theme for 2022-2024 is "IGNITE". The subtheme for the retreat was "Light of the Campus". Students were encouraged to learn more about Jesus, the Light of the world, and challenged to be reflectors of His light everywhere they go, including while on campus. They were able to study Ephesians 5: 1-20, while learning how to use the Inductive Bible Study method.



Campus Feature

University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI)



The IVCF club at UCCI consistently meets on Wednesdays at 2:30pm-3:30pm in Room B1. It is facilitated by Mrs. Susanne Palmer, who said "It was commendable to see the students' passion, their dedication to the things of God, their willingness to share the word with their peers, to lead devotions, and to exhort. I am hoping to see this continued zeal and fire when we resume in the next semester. May the Lord add more students to our group and may the club's impact be felt more on campus."



Paul McKenzie
(President)

"Joining IVCF was a decision that deeply impacted my life. I was at a point of searching for a stronger sense of purpose and longing for a community that shared my faith, when I discovered this club. Intrigued by their mission to foster fellowship and spiritual growth, I took a leap of faith and attended one of their meetings. From the moment I walked through the doors, I felt a warmth and acceptance that instantly made me feel at home. The genuine connections I made with the members, combined with their unwavering dedication to living out their faith, convinced me that this was where I belonged. One of the most remarkable aspects of this club was the sense of community and unity it fostered. We came from diverse backgrounds, each carrying our own unique struggles and burdens, but within the walls of this club, we were bound together by a common faith. The love and compassion I witnessed within this community served as a constant reminder of Christ's teachings on the importance of loving one another."



Abygale Elliott
(Vice-President)

"Before I started College, someone told me about a Christian fellowship that would be great for me at UCCI called IVCF. I always loved the idea of fellowship, so I decided to try it out, which was one of the best decisions I have made so far. To me, this club is about learning more about God while encouraging others to do the same. It has definitely motivated me and aided in the development of my relationship with God. What I really love about IVCF is that you never feel forced or outcasted, there is absolutely no discrimination, and we can all learn from each other. It is a great place for Christians and even those who have not yet committed." Abygale will be representing us at the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) World Assembly which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in August. Myself, along with Dr. Erica Gordon (IS/IVCF Board Secretary) will be the other delegates."



Jemaya Walters
(Incoming Secretary)

"I signed up to join IVCF through a career fair that was being held at UCCI. IS/IVCF had a tiny booth there, but I was drawn to it somehow. Ever since I joined the club and attended the meetings, I became a part of a community. People who are of faith, supporting and caring for each other, is very encouraging for me. The club made a difference in my life; I'm happy to be a part of it."

Pray With Us

- Pray for strategy to reach more students on campus with the Gospel of Jesus.
- Pray that the impact of the club be increased on the campus.
- Pray for the students who will be transitioning to another university or will be going off to work.
- Pray for our World Assembly delegates for safe travels and a fruitful experience.

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