

Missions Update

From bulletin: August 2, 2020

**MISSIONS FOCUS: Matthew & Ashley Yuen, InterVarsity**

*Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid 19*

Matt & Ashley were married last week in a special ceremony with friends and family in attendance through online media. (Perfect for Matt who works for IV in the video department).

Their prayer requests: With college ministry looking different, prayer would be really appreciated as they have a heart to reach out, encourage, disciple, walk with college students and this will be more challenging especially to invite new students. There is a lot of efforts to reach new students online in the coming school year. They would also request prayers as they transition into a new season of life together.

Read what they were doing at the end of the school year (Spring) online as well and in his latest update about 2 weeks ago! You can also email him to be added to his distribution list!

(see below)

July Update, followed by April Update

Thank you for praying for and supporting Matt & Ashley Yuen!

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## July 2020 Ministry Update

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Mon, Jul 20, 2020 at 8:59 AM

Ministry Still Happening, Funding Update, Time Magazine

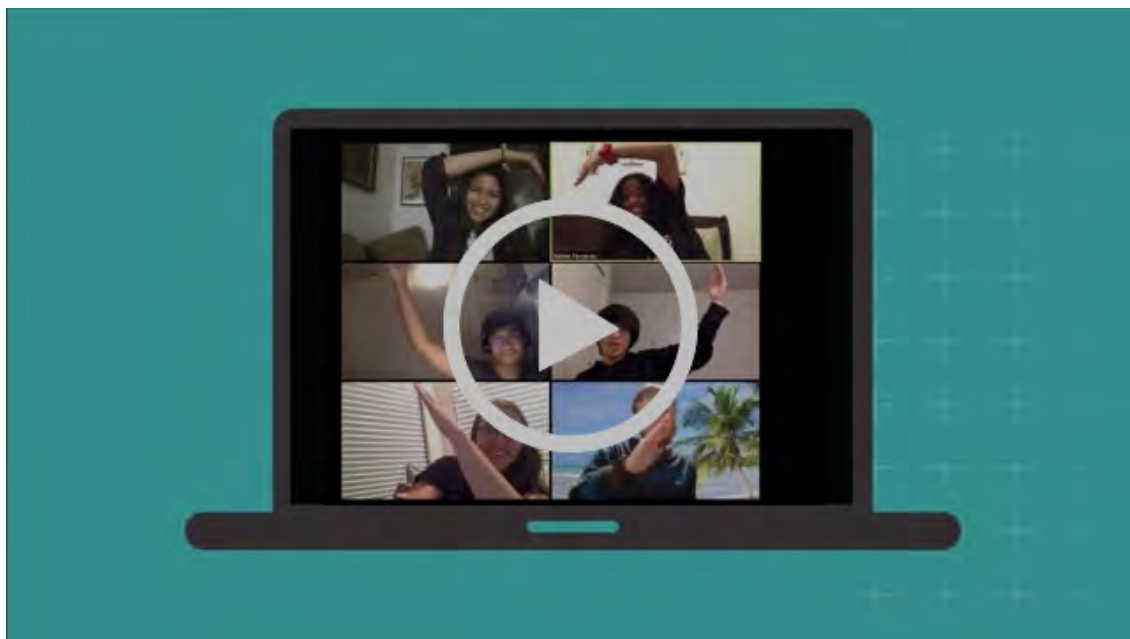
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MATT YUEN - VIDEO PRODUCER

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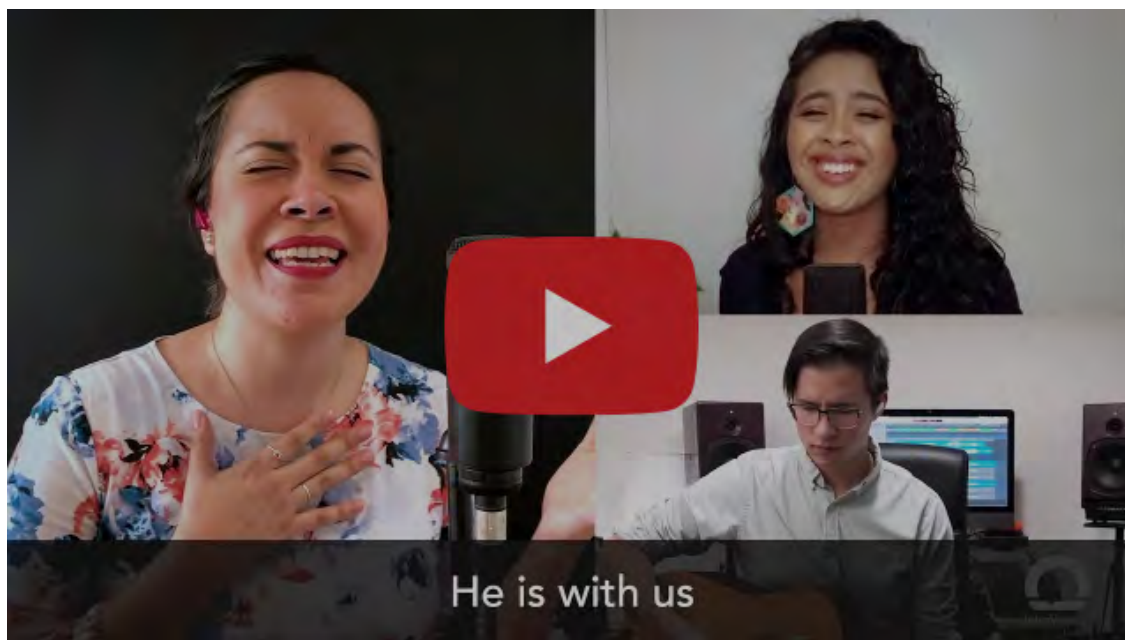


## Ministry Is Still Happening!

Praise God for the ways that even in the midst of chaos, He has dominion over the seas. If ever there was a time where ministry and vocation made me feel like the disciples in a boat in the middle of a storm, this season has been it. Yet while I wish Jesus to do something, He has faithfully not abandoned me, nor has he abandoned our students.

Many of you have tuned into InterVarsity Live!, our weekly show consisting of

preaching, multiethnic worship and student testimonies. If you missed them, just head to our youtube channel: [InterVarsity Live Playlists](#). Below is one of my favorite worship songs and messages from our series:



Weep No More - ft. Urbana18 Worship Team



It has been a privilege to be a part of InterVarsity Live. In this season, where it has been hard to trust God that He is in control, IV Live has been a small window into the ways God continues to stir hearts and bring students to faith. During an unexpected time where college campuses closed due to COVID-19, we saw:

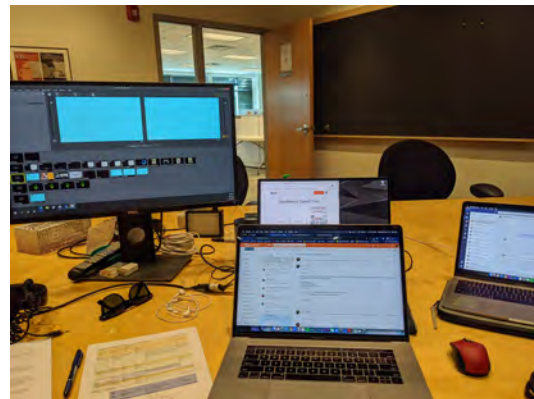
- 244 overall decisions

- 229 recommitments
- 15 first-time decision

Praise God! God moves in amazing ways, and all it took was a faithful yes to try something new. When we first started IV Live, it was simply to try and see if we could create something to help campus staff at the start of an unexpected pandemic. It started with my director, one laptop, an untested software, a God seeking creative team, and the internet. We never could have imagined that it would turn into a full production that would reach students, pastors, ministry partners and families in America and across the globe (we had viewers from the Philippines, Africa, and many others!) It has been my joy and privilege to weekly work with co-workers and to co-labor with Jesus.

Near the beginning of InterVarsity Live, there was a speaker that spoke about longing for revival and healing of our world. Because of that I decided to start praying daily early in the morning with my dad for revival.

Student  
Grand Valley State University



Fully Funded!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! To each and everyone of you for your prayers and generosity in supporting my ministry! I have been meaning to release this AMAZING news earlier this year, but around May, I raised a projected amount that would allow me to resume my time as a full time staff! Thanks to your support I was able to be a part of the production of IV Live, as well as creating videos helping us train staff and students in diversity and inclusion.

Needless to say, I am blessed and excited to be able to use my full attention on creating videos and content that will share the gospel with college students.



## IV New: "InterVarsity Resolved to Pursue Justice and Reconciliation"



InterVarsity's president, Tom Lin, released a statement on June 1 in light of the turmoil and sadness our country is facing. He writes:

*As President, I reiterate InterVarsity's commitment to pray for and act toward a more robust biblical ministry of reconciliation and restoration... As a fellowship with one-third of our staff and more than one-half*

*of the core students in our campus ministry who are people of color, I am committed to pressing InterVarsity to more fully reflect biblical justice and reconciliation in the ways we minister together. I also know we have a long way to go. Our need for revival—individually, corporately, and nationally—is clearer than ever. You can [read his full statement here](#), along with four salient calls to action.*

**InterVarsity Press has put together this helpful document, [Resources for Faithful Justice](#)**, which includes the book *Healing Racial Trauma* by Sheila Wise Rowe.

As the fiscal year draws to a close, would you consider making a special gift to support our Black Campus Ministries? Our Black staff are working tirelessly to provide spaces of healing and prayer to students and faculty.

### Support Black Campus Ministries

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## Some Highlights:



Ashley and I are getting married on July 25th! For most of our guests, we have postponed our big celebration till next year when hopefully it is safer. We will be having a private ceremony on July 25th at our church, Life Center Church. Please pray for safety and our next transition as a married couple.

Ashley was recently quoted in this month's TIME magazine! It's been such a blessing to see her voice be valued and amplified. Shout out to Kathy Khang who first supported and pushed Ashley to share her thoughts amidst racial tensions with George Floyd's death. Her original writing can be found [here](#).

Ashley's words were also shared and referenced by [Viet Thanh Nguyen](#), in his most recent article "[Asian Americans Are Still Caught in the Trap of the 'Model Minority' Stereotype. And it Creates Inequality for All](#)" (I unashamedly am her biggest fan and bought a physical copy of the magazine!!!)



I still make videos! This was from my most recent video shoot filming for a diversity and inclusion video. Luckily for us, its easy to social distance when you have a long XLR cable and a zoom lens!

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## A Day In The Life - A New Normal

Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 12:29 PM

Business As Usual; How Can I Pray For You; IV LIVE

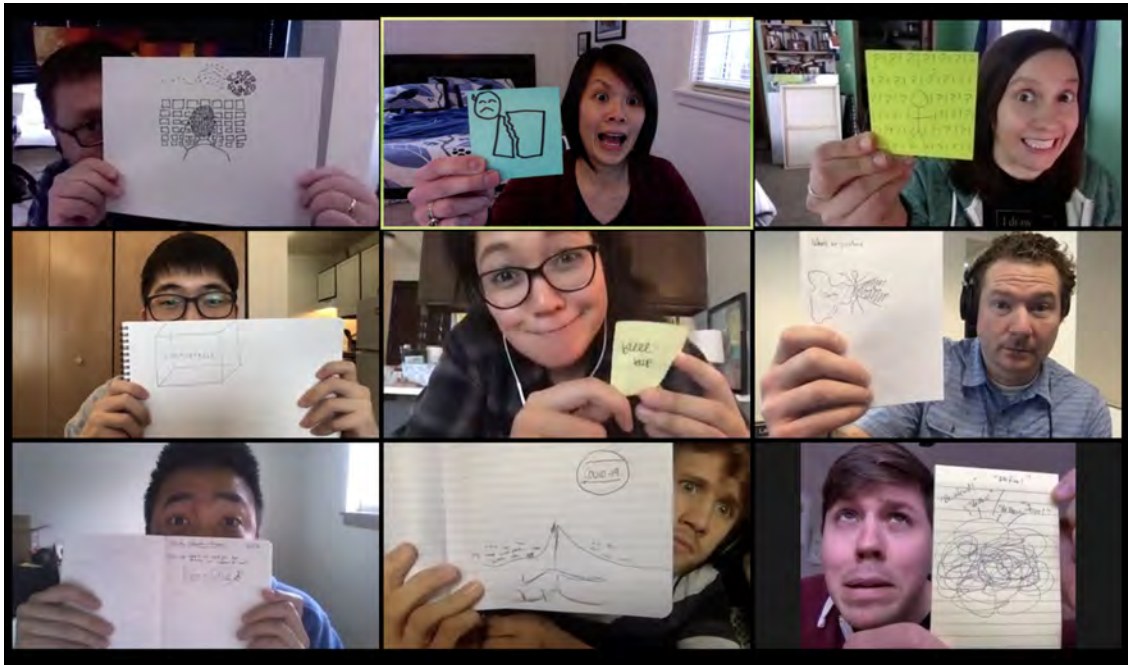
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## Business As Usual

8:30AM - Roll out of bed

9:00AM - Scripture & Prayer

10:00AM - 2100 Production Team Meeting

11:00AM - Check-In With Supervisor

12:00 PM - Lunch/Youtube/DuckTails Disney+ @ Living Room Couch

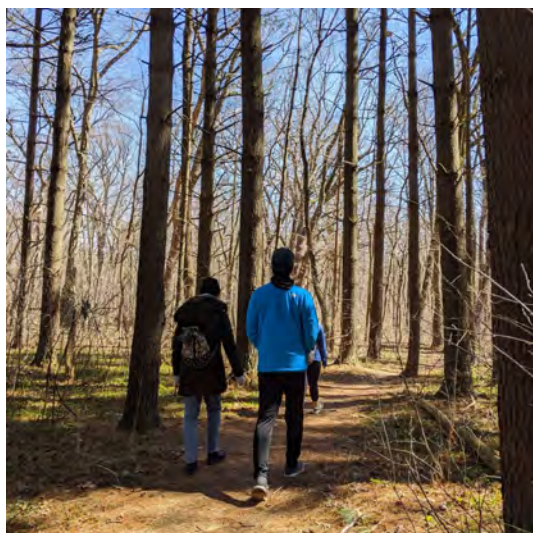
1:00-5:00PM - Zoom Calls or Video Work Time



That's a pretty typical day for me. Like many of you, my days are filled with zoom calls with co-workers, clients and students. A new normal is slowly starting and it has been a challenge to continually adjust as the weeks go by. Some weeks I wake up and wonder, "What am I supposed to do this week?" Other weeks I'll wake up with a wave of anxiety over all the many things I might need to balance: video calls, fundraising, animation project, MORE VIDEO CALLS.

In a season where it seems so chaotic, it have come to value deep joyful rest that only the Lord provides. I have been so thankful for moments of deep breakthrough and joy. Often times found in the simplest of things (see picture slideshow below).

- Walks with Ashley and the fun little adventures we go on.
- Experimenting with new types of desserts to make (usually Asian)
- Reading books
- Video Calls with friends to catch up



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How Can I Pray For You?

The world we live in is very different than even a couple months ago. Some of us are having to adjust to working from home. Others are having to balance homeschooling their kids, while balancing family life. Many others might be in tight financial situations where it is very possible they will lose their jobs.

I want to be able to pray and care for anyone who needs it. If that is you, please reach out to me and fill out this survey. Even if you feel okay, I'd love to hear from you. My heart yearns to pray for each of you in tangible ways, as well as connect with you if you want.

In times like these, God has challenged me to see how I can better care for my family, friends and loved ones. All of you who support me in different ways mean a lot to me. Please use me as a resource. I am more than happy to spend hours in conversation or in prayer for you. I pray that you are safe and that God provides all that you need and more.

Click below to fill out the survey. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

### How Can I Pray For You Survey



## InterVarsity Live!

We're doing it again! I shared in my last update that we were hosting an online InterVarsity Large Group. After our first one, we are doing it again! This will be our 3rd IV Live event, and there is more possibly on the way.

We have seen students come to faith, and it as spurred on unexpected conversations amongst college students who maybe would have never attended a Christian event prior to this pandemic. Praise God for how He continues to work!

Consider joining us! Here is the link to see what we will be talking about and what our events are like!

InterVarsity Live!

## Prayer Requests

- **Asian American InterVarsity** - Please pray for Ashley's students. Many of them have moved back home, or are stuck in their apartments like many of us. As many of them take on different responsibilities on top of being full-time students in an ever changing reality, please pray for God's peace and for good rest.
- **Mental Health** - Please pray for me and Ashley. In different ways, we have both experienced some form of anxiety, stress or depression due to different factors such as our wedding, ministry or just every day life. We both plan on starting to see an online therapist.

Thank you to all of you for being along for this journey we call following Jesus. It is always such a joy for me to write these updates knowing I get to share about the things God is doing in and through my life. Thank you for your partnerships, sacrifice and generosity in supporting me and Ashley as we serve in ministry.

Support Matt and Ashley's Ministry

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