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**MISSIONS FOCUS: Matt & Ashley Bauer-Yuen, InterVarsity**

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

Each month, we want to highlight one of the missionaries that BACBC supports. Matt Yuen grew up at BACBC and after graduating from Chico State, he followed God's leading to serve with InterVarsity. He moved to Madison, Wisconsin and for 3 and 1/2 years, was an Associate Producer working on video productions to reach college students, including for Urbana and traveling around the country and world. He married Ashley in 2020. God has led him to leave InterVarsity's 2100 productions and move to Twin Cities, Minnesota, out of vocational ministry to the marketplace at Airborne Athletics (for profit sports training company). Ashley has accepted another position with InterVarsity as Resource Specialist with the Asian American Ministries Department. Their requests: Adjustment to their new city and community; as Matt's faith/witness impacts his new workplace; Ashley's new position will further the development of Asian American Christian leaders on campuses; and Ashley's continuing support needs. The Yuens (who will celebrate their 1st anniversary this month) are so grateful for the support and friendship from their BACBC family and look forward to continuing to work together with us to reach college students for Christ.

**From January 2021 Mission Report to Members**

– On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Matt Yuen had the honor and joy of marrying his best friend, Ashley Gaozong Bauer. In Matt's words, Ashley is a strong, passionate, Christ-centered, justice-seeking, fun-loving woman. She inspires and challenges Matt to be better each day as they together co-labor with Christ in their everyday lives and as co-workers with InterVarsity. Congratulations and best wishes to Matt and Ashley as they begin this new chapter. Matt is finishing his 3<sup>rd</sup> year serving on IV's National Communication Team in Media Productions. Ashley has been on IV staff for three years and ministers to Asian students at the University of Wisconsin's Madison campus.

From June 2021 email to Missions and Ministry Supporters

## Update: Being Called OUT of InterVarsity

Dear Ministry Support Team,

It has been an amazing 3 1/2 years of ministry with InterVarsity. I could not have done any of this without the prayers and financial support of all of you who have been along side me through it all. Through my first year of Urbana, the challenge of being underfunded and stepping down part-time, and the joys of creating stories that matter and impact the college campus. You have seen me move across the country to transitioning to being married (almost a year now!).

Thank you for your faithful support.

It is with sadness and excitement that I will be leaving InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as an Associate Producer. It's been a 2 year discernment process for me of where God might want me, and if InterVarsity was my long term home. With great certainty through much prayer, discernment and conversations with loved ones and trusted mentors, I feel God is calling me out of InterVarsity and faith based worked. I am excited for what is next for InterVarsity as they continue to reach college students, and I bless them on their continued work (Ashley still works with them after all haha).

## So What's Next?

I will be starting a new job with a company called Airborne Athletics based in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. I will be working as their main content creator helping to build their athletic tech/equipment brand. They have products that help with basketball, volleyball and football training, as well as connections and contracts with D1 colleges and professional athletes. I am excited for this opportunity to work in sports, as well as enter into the workplace and have my faith impact my work and co-workers in a for-profit business.

This also means that Ashley and I will be living in the Twin Cities! We have just finished our move, and are still in the midst of unpacking boxes. We are excited to move to a new city and is both familiar and new. Ashley grew up in St. Paul, where we are living, and we can't wait to get to know the community and city.

## More Life Updates! - Ashley's New Job (with IV)

Ashley has **accepted a position with InterVarsity as a Resource Specialist with the Asian American Ministries Department**. She is really excited about this new opportunity to develop content for AA staff, students, chapters and churches. This is a

new position for the AAM Department and something that is much needed after a tough year for Asian American students and staff.

### **Rev. Sabrina Chan, National Director of Asian American Ministries, wants to let you all know this about Ashley and her new role:**

*"I'm thrilled that Ashley is bringing her gifts to the newly-created Asian American Ministries Resource Specialist role. In this time of pandemic, anti-Asian racism, and the racial injustice overall, we see the incredible need for Asian American students and staff on campus to have timely resources for their leadership and discipleship. Asian Americans are also the least-reached major racial group, with 1/3 Christian, 1/3 other faiths, 1/3 religious none. Ashley will be creating, refining, and distributing resources and leading our social media presence to help develop and empower Asian American Christian leaders on campus as they minister to the diverse cultures of Asian American communities on campus. Thank you for supporting and praying for her work!"*

Everything is happening real fast and has been difficult to know the best moment to let everyone know. But I wanted to give ya'll an opportunity to catch up with us especially if you have questions about our transition or would like to connect and hear more!

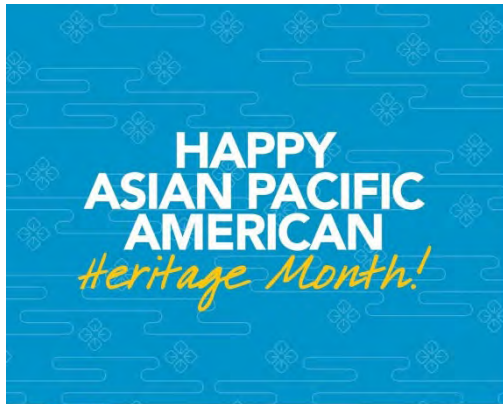
## **How You Can Continue To Support Us**

I wanted to extend the opportunity to continue financially supporting us through this transition by making an ask to support Ashley and transfer or increase your giving to her staff account. That would help us through the transition and would bless Ashley because she will lose her alumni support which has been half of financial support for the past four years. I wanted to bless her by expanding her limited networks by opening up my networks for her.

As I end my staff career, I invite you to continue supporting our family and our ministry. Click the link below if you would like to help support us. Thank you!

The link: <https://donate.intervarsity.org/donate#21287>

To follow IV's Asian American Instagram:



#apahm2021



Follow the Asian American Ministry Instagram to check out the resources that Ashley has been working on!

[AAM InterVarsity Ministry](#)

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries,  
countries and people locally and globally!*



*July Missions Focus*  
**Matt Yuen**

- No longer serving as Associate Producer
- Relocated from Madison, WI to Twin Cities, MN
- Started new position with Airborne Athletics (for-profit sports training company)
- Wife Ashley accepted position with InterVarsity as Resource Specialist with Asian American Ministries Department

- 不再擔任副製片人
- 由 Madison, WI 搬遷到 Twin Cities, MN
- 在 Airborne Athletics（營利性運動訓練公司）擔任新職位
- 妻子 Ashley 接受了 InterVarsity 校園團契亞洲部資源專家的職位



## *Prayer Requests*



- Adjustment to new city and community
- Matt's faith/witness impacts his new workplace
- Ashley's new position will further the development of Asian American Christian leaders on campuses
- Ashley will raise needed monthly support



- 適應新的城市和社區
- Matt的信仰/見證將會影響他新的工作場所
- Ashley 的新職位將會促進亞裔基督徒在校園領袖的發展
- Ashley 將會籌集每月開支費用的所需





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