



Stewarding New Growth

We live to love, and as we love we live.



Bradford Everett | Ministry Partners Update | Fiscal Year 2022-23



The Staff of the Southeast are catalyzing movements that call every corner of every campus to follow Jesus growing ministry that promotes a vibrant faith, ethnic justice, and a transformed society. The team took this picture in July at our Southeast Regional Staff Conference(RSC) where we explored what it means to be renewed, hopeful, and waiting as we work toward becoming a God's beloved community. This update will give you an inside look at the year and how God is forming us toward this end.



Staff Highlight: God has blessed the Southeast with giftedness staff. Emily Johnston (pictured left with a student leader) is a 3rd year staff with a lot of experience. She came into the region with international collegiate ministry experience. She is now getting ready to serve as our Regional Missions Specialist while continuing her campus work at Auburn University - Montgomery. From conversations with Muslims to bringing life to a campus with very little social student activity, Emily has been a gift. **More inside!**

Personal Note

While I lead ministry in the Southeast, it seems God has our family in a season of becoming. We are learning what it means to be a blended faith family (ask for my earlier update about this). Personally, it means a lot of praying, conflict, and learning how to lovingly be myself and represent the love of Jesus to the best of my ability. In order to do this, the invitation from Jesus has been to let him do his healing work.

Would you continue to pray for me as I walk in obedience to Jesus?

Finally, it has been a year of growth for the Southeast and this is no small thing. As I continue to learn what it means to steward God's work across 5 states, we've seen renewed student involvement. I pray this update leads you to celebrate!



Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bradford Everett'.

Bradford Everett
Southeast Regional Director

Staff Highlight: Emily Johnston

InterVarsity at University of Auburn Montgomery



Emily (furthest right) is pictured here, in Mexico City, with other staff being trained by InterVarsity's Global Engagement and Justice department. This training was the first step in her becoming the region's mission specialist.

Emily, had this to say about ministry during the fall semester at Auburn University Montgomery:

"God has been so faithful to us, awakening hearts and redeeming spaces across campus. This has been the first semester in the history of InterVarsity at AUM that we have had student leaders leading small groups across campus. We have launched three student-led small groups this semester all meeting in dorms. It has been so fun to see our student leaders step up and begin building community in their

spaces of influence."

This has been a big step for her students as AUM's campus doesn't have much social activity. According to Emily, teaching her students how to invite and include other students in their chapter was important in doing ministry. Now, once a week, their dorm lobbies have become places where students are opening the Bible (many of them for the first time) and discovering Jesus together. (continued on next page)

Another part of Emily's work has been coordinating a Peace Feast on campus. Emily explains, "Peace Feast is a space where Muslim and Christian students sit at a table, share a meal, and discuss faith, listening well to one another and sharing from their hearts what their faith means to them. We hosted our first peace feast in partnership with the Muslim Student Association(MSA). Because



it was a nonthreatening space, the president of the MSA asked, "I've never really understood how Christians believe Jesus died for their sins, can you explain it to me?" We able to share the Gospel clearly with the Muslim students. The picture above shows Emily and her students with students from the MSA.

I'll end with an example of what Emily's leadership produces. Emily recalls: "Aaliyah called me a week before her small group

was set to launch. Ready to quit, she hadn't invited anyone and was scared. We prayed and we did some invitation work. She said she would try. The next day she called me freaking out saying, "13 students have already said they are coming Thursday night!". From then, every Thursday night 13 students gathered around the Word and a faith community was formed. The group studied the book of Exodus and looked at the life of Moses together. The second of these studies was about Moses's hesitancy to lead, Aaliyah once again called me in awe of what God was doing and how He was using her to do it. Two students from the group said yes to following Jesus for the first time and many more committed to surrender to Jesus' lordship in new ways throughout the semester. Aaliyah graduated in May with a degree in social work, but she also graduated with a deeper faith in what is possible with God."

By the Numbers

God sees each student we serve and is being intentional in their lives. Lookin gat our numbers allows us to see what he sees and steward our ministry well.

1000
students reached

2395 InterVarsity Events
157 Decisions
130 Apprentices Trained

Number of ways God is growing and sustaining our work:



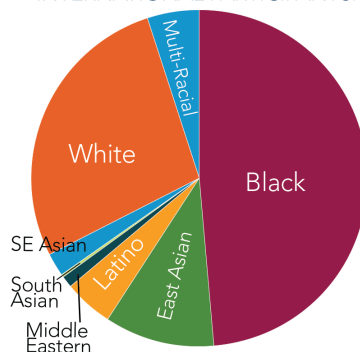
56
faculty involved

41 Chapters

82 Small Groups

OUR MULTIETHNIC AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS:

203 LEADERS TRAINED
(Involved in ongoing discipleship)



Family and Life

There were celebrations that marked this year. I had the privilege of presenting the Black Campus Ministries Awards where we honored legacy builders like Bob Hunter who left an indelible mark of ministry (leftmost pic).

Life also included family trips. We were able to visit friends and supporters in Boston together (rightmost pic). Thank you Searbo Family! You were a blessing to all of us.

Life also included graduating with my M.Div in May (pictured right). I completed seminary out of obedience to God. I am grateful for the friends and faculty who I journeyed with and the many lessons Jesus taught me along the way.

Finally, this year I've done a lot of virtual supervision and home office work. Langston did not disappoint by interrupting me often. Yep, that's his butt in my face (pictured below) while I am trying to work from my home office. In all this, I am honored and I feel loved by your support and



Giving and Prayer:

The giving card on the right was sent to some of you already. In an effort to raise \$3000 more dollars, I am looking to add 3 more partners who will give \$100 per month, or for current partners who will increase their giving by \$50. Please pray with me as I continue to look for support for the ministry to college students in the Southeast region.

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- 10 partners at \$75/mo
- 10 partners at \$25

Supporting Gifts

- 1 partner at \$200 per month
- One time gift of \$2000/yr
- One time gift of \$2500/yr

Leadership Gifts

- One time gift of \$4600/yr
- Or
- 2 partners at \$200+/mo

GOAL: \$15,000 annually

Evangelistic Leadership calls to Faith Outreach Training pastoral care

Giving access to including students with Jesus where there is no campus ministry financial hardships Lost & Hurting students find healing

Community Outreach Emergency HOPE Trauma Care