

Dear Family of God,

I find it hard to believe that I have been a part of InterVarsity for eighteen years. When I came as a freshman to the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington I had no idea of the adventure that God had for me. Joining the staff of InterVarsity in the fall of 1992 was an easy decision; I was growing in my faith more than I would have imagined and wanted to continue learning what God had for me. However, I did not think I was a "lifer." I'm still not sure I'm a "lifer," but approaching my second sabbatical with InterVarsity, and fourteen years of ministry to college students has taught me to hold the future loosely. Since I hadn't planned on this life who knows what God has for me?

I am deeply thankful to all of you that you have made this last fourteen years in full-time ministry possible. I wish I could offer you a tally of lives changed, but the work of the kingdom that you have been doing will be tallied in heaven. I can't wait to see what God shows us on that day!

I am also thankful to be able to take the next six months as a sabbatical to rest, reflect and re-organize. Rest will be the type of rest that you get when you have a new baby! But, it will be "rest" in that I will be able to focus my attention on one thing. After three and a half years of multi-tasking mothering and ministry I'm excited for the REST! I'm also eager to reflect. The couple that is directing the spiritual part of my sabbatical and I had a strong sense that reflecting on the presence of God would be a good exercise for the next six months. We had the sense that understanding God's presence in my life on a more wholistic level would be an essential component in my future ministry. Lastly, I'll be thinking about re-organizing my family and ministry life to accommodate my expanded family, as well as whatever God brings next to InterVarsity's ministry in Arizona.

As a family we are eager for our new addition to arrive. Her due date is August 1st. Joy has many, many plans for how she will be a good big sister and we are looking forward to the new life that another daughter will bring to our home. We'll keep you up to date!

Thanks for your partnership in ministry!

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Sue's Sabbatical Reading List:

For Reflection:

1. *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence
2. *When the Soul Listens*, Jan Johnson
3. *Enjoying the Presence of God*, Jan Johnson
4. *Thirty Years That Changed the World*, Michael Green
5. *Voluntary Simplicity*, Duane Elgin
6. *Practicing the Prayer of Presence*, Susan Muto
7. *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster
8. *The Divine Conspiracy*, Dallas Willard
9. *Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard
10. *The Presence Based Church*, Terry Teykl
11. *When the Heart Waits*, Sue Monk Kidd
12. *The Human Condition*, Thomas Keating

For Fun:

1. *The Testament*, John Grisham
2. *Street Lawyer*, John Grisham
3. *Dominion*, Randy Alcorn
4. *Safely Home*, Randy Alcorn
5. *Joshua and the Children*, Josh Girzone
6. *A Touch of Wonder*, Arthur Gordon

Financial Update:

Many, many thanks to all of you who have been praying for our financial provision! I ended this fiscal year with a surplus of \$23 in my account at InterVarsity! This is the first time in five years that I haven't ended in a deficit. Praise God!

I also have almost all that I need pledged toward my 2005-06 budget. I am \$1108 short of having every dollar pledged to fulfill the financial needs of next year. Please continue to pray with me that God will provide.

While I am on sabbatical I will continue to need your financial support. Your generosity is what makes this next six months possible for me. My paycheck and family's benefits will continue through this time of rest, and that can only happen through you!

As I was cleaning my office in preparation for my sabbatical I came across the enclosed brochure about InterVarsity. I wanted to send it to you as a reminder of the impact of the work you have contributed to.