

Reaching graduate students through Graduate Christian Fellowship (IVCF-GFM)

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Retirement: Drawing this Ministry to a Close

I owe my ability to have engaged in student ministry over these 47 years to generous donors and faithful pray-ers like you. **Thank you** for your devoted partnership! Through you many college and university students have been blessed and strengthened to serve Christ and His Church.

May God bless and strengthen you, *Jean*

Prayer Points on my heart as I retire:

- For GCF to meet many new students in August, each eager for bible study with fellow grads, and for leaders to remain academically strong while dedicating time to GCF;
- Although we had no April retreat, may GCF students this fall grow together in knowing Christ;
- For Geoff in balancing InterVarsity leadership with local GFM roles—leading GCF and providing GFM resources to the new Faculty Christian Fellowship;
- For Geoff, the Sanders, GCF and FCF to dedicate themselves to pray for these ministries to flourish; for me to become a better intercessor for other Christians in mission, especially those at ASU;
- For the Campus Christian Center (C3), and its new Eden Tea & Coffee House within, to bless Christian students and their campus mission in new ways;
- That I would be refreshed over the next few months, taking time to rest in the Lord before seeking the next prayerful steps in service for Christ.

Over my career I have been privileged to serve undergraduate students at campuses in western Pennsylvania and then graduate students, mostly here at ASU. While with InterVarsity I was given opportunities to train staff colleagues to teach inductive bible study methods and prepare talks. Throughout I have worked alongside and learned from godly colleagues.

I am sad to leave all this but sense that my gifts and experience have equipped me to serve in new contexts, even if I do not yet know where my “refirements” lie. ♦

Celebrations!

Geoff Gentry and I, with Ben and Sarah Sanders, held a lunch to honor five retiring faculty



whose witness has served the campus community; we also announced the formation of “Faculty Christian Fellowship” to increase faculty Christian witness and mentor new Christian faculty. At the end of the program I was surprised to also be given a plaque recognizing my 15 year ASU ministry!

Geoff invited the three of us to the InterVarsity Grad & Faculty Ministry (GFM-West) staff Conference, where again my ministry with Graduate Christian Fellowship, along with previous service back East, was honored. He and the Sanders also plan a local event for the end of June. I never would have imagined my career to finish with such fanfare! ♦

Options to continue donations after June 30th

My ministry account with Community Ministries Intl (CMI) will close after June 30th. However, as you have learned through me about ASU’s spiritual needs and our hopes for GCF and FCF, perhaps you would consider shifting your giving from my ministry to:

- The support of InterVarsity Graduate & Faculty staff—“GFM ministry at Arizona State University” at give.intervarsity.org/. Checks: InterVarsity, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895
- Help cover costs for InterVarsity graduate and undergraduate groups to meet at the Campus Christian Center (C3) — “C3 Operations/InterVarsity” at cmi-ministries.org/donate/. Checks: Community Ministries International, P.O. Box 1245, Tempe, AZ 85280

Thanks so much!