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Dear Partners and Friends...

Greetings from FGCU & Florida Southwestern State College.

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of itself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Matthew 6:33-KJV

Celebrating Continuing Restoration. As Spring 2022 draws to an end we rejoice in God's faithfulness to progressively restore more of InterVarsity's ministries in SWFL. In this first year back after the Covid detour, God has given us the opportunity to get to know 184 students, 51 of whom participated in our *campus outreaches, fellowships, Bible studies* and new events like the *dorm Bible study* and *Nova outreach*.

Refresh22. Refresh 22 was the perfect after exams getaway for students. During the first two weeks of May students from 16 campuses across Florida enjoyed a unique experience with God including *Worship, fellowship, inductive Bible study, retreats of silence, recreational fun, evangelistic instructional games* and *great food* in a beautiful outdoor *Christian camp* setting in *Central Florida*. I was privileged to minister there as a *welcome greeter, prayer counselor, waterfront supervisor, morning beach prayer leader, book table overseer, evangelistic instructional game facilitator* and even *stand up comedian*. But one of my best Refresh 22 memories was when a student told me that Refresh 22 was *the best thing that had happened to him so far as a young adult!*

Changing A Guard. Another closing highlight of this Spring was presenting the *Platinum Award* to *retiring NCF/FGCU faculty advisor Professor Tina Ellis*. Tina's 14 year labor of love for our students on campus, in the community and on overseas mission trips will be missed. But Tina will be succeeded by *Dr. Christina Dzioba* who has apprenticed under Tina this past year. We are thrilled that Christina shares Tina's love for students and vision for the future of our ministry!

Thank You for your faithful prayers and financial support that make such a difference in the lives of college students. We are already looking forward to next year which will include another restoration, *The Urbana Missions Conference*. SWFL InterVarsity has sent delegates to each *Urbana* since 2000, many of whom have gone to *domestic* and *foreign mission fields*, and we are excited to see God continue this tradition.

Thank you again for the part you are playing in making all these things happen!

Your Campus Missionary, Bill



Bill with students at Refresh 22 Campus Time event.



Refresh 22 Bonfire event.



Bill answers question from future college student at Refresh 22.



Meghan and NCF/FGCU student leadership team.



Letty reaches out to fellow FSW student.



Bill presents Professor Tina Ellis with faculty Platinum Award.