

## Students Hear God at Encounter



We believe that if students can learn how to hear and obey God's voice through Scripture, prayer, and worship, they are on their way to become lifelong disciples! We specifically designed our fall conference, Encounter, with this in mind and fostered an environment for students to hear from God and respond to His voice. Here is just one of the many testimonies from how God met students at this event:

***"I've been going through a lot emotionally and spiritually recently. At times I even felt as though it was hard to pray. Something was telling me Encounter was going to be a really good experience. I came to realize I've been letting a lot of my fears and uncertainties get in the way of living completely for Him. During worship, I told God that my life was completely His no matter where He may call me. In that moment, I felt at peace, as if God was laying his hand on my shoulder saying to rest."***

Sarah, a freshman at Grand Valley, specifically sensed God speaking to her through worship at Encounter. He reassured her of her calling and put her fears to rest. She has been living missionally on campus ever since!

As director for this conference, I have been so amazed at how God has taken the dreams, prayers, and gifts He has given me and used them to create spaces of real transformation like Encounter. Without you, stories like this would not be possible. Thank you for your faithful prayers and gifts to help students hear from God!

Merry Christmas!  
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## Ministry Updates

### Praying On Every Campus!

I have been working on a team of prayer catalysts nationally to launch prayer walks on every campus in the U.S. in 2020! Would you pray that God would mobilize prayer warriors to step onto the campus to pray in the next few months? This could be you!

### Staff Flourishing

I have been ministering to staff as they invest in the lives of students. One staff sent me this text:

**"I don't think I would have been ok or made it through the hard work as a solo staff at Hope without the care you have given me and the amazing prayer times we have had. Thank you for caring for my soul!"**

-Tracey Venema, Hope College

### On A Personal Note



I am so thankful for our little boys and the life they bring! Steven and I are also enjoying investing more in relationships with people in Traverse City. I am speaking regularly at our church and getting involved in the women's ministry!

### Your Partnership

I could not serve fully through InterVarsity without your support. Words seem inadequate to describe my gratitude for your partnership. As the year draws to a close, would you consider an extra gift to help us reach more campuses for Christ?

I have to raise **\$2,000/month** ongoing to be fully funded for this work. I have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. Thank you!

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