

# '19-20 Year in Review

## A Year of Finding Joy Amidst the Challenges



### Joy in Campus Ministry

Since August, college students have learned skills to see and create winsome spaces for communal belonging, spiritual engagement, and commitment to walk with Jesus for their peers. 25 core students grew in intentionality, hosting, and inviting others well in our Asian Christian InterVarsity chapter. Community and faith growth has been difficult while students are home and there's uncertainties for the Fall. Amidst that, we are thankful and hopeful for the ways that ministry has and will continue through on-line Bible studies, fun hangouts, prayer meetings, and discipleship groups (which we call "squad pods"). *May college students know more of God's joy.*



### Joy in Myself

To be honest, this year was tiring for me. I put a lot of time and energy into my mental and spiritual health. I praise God for providing an amazing therapist and spiritual director. I'm also thankful to have increased intimacy with God, using new ways to read Scripture that I learned with colleagues. I've taken true joy in the simple things of life: eating outside, taking pictures of flowers, and watching our chickens run around our yard. *May I know more of God's joy.*

### Joy in You

In a recent retreat, I was told to consider exploring joy in the midst of lament. I encourage you to spend some time identifying and focusing on joy enhancers amidst challenges in your lives.

*"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord.*

*Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

I rejoice that Christ is being preached on college campuses. I rejoice for God's provision through you and the Holy Spirit. I rejoice for you, my ministry partner team. I pray that you would know God's deep, wide, and full love for you. I pray that you be given discernment and direction in decisions facing you and that which weighs on your heart. I pray that you would put on the full armor of God and rest in God as your rock of refuge. I pray that you would know and do what is best to live like Him. I pray that you would know and feel deep inside that you are valued, you are loved, and you are known. *May you know more of God's joy.*

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