

PRAISE & PRAYER



HUMBLD & HONOURD

(L-R) Jamil, Martin Haizmann and Tim Adams being prayed for at World Assembly 2019 by IFES Honorary President Ziel Machado

NEW LEADERSHIP

It is with great joy that we share with you the news that the IFES Board has invited Tim Adams to serve the Fellowship as General Secretary. Tim has worked with IFES for almost 20 years, most recently as Associate General Secretary.

Septi Bukula, IFES Board Chair, writes: "Following a thorough discernment process, the Board believes that Tim is the right person to lead IFES at this time. Tim's heart for IFES ministry and our shared vision to reach students with the good news of Jesus Christ is clear. His role in developing and launching some of our innovative ministry projects in recent years is significant. Tim has been involved extensively in IFES global leadership. He has gained a deep understanding of who we are and has built strong relationships across the Fellowship.

"We all continue to be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and face the wider realities of our changing world. The Board recognises the need to strengthen IFES for the future. We want IFES movements and staff to unite around a shared

direction for our ministry. We want to find ways of working that supports strong national movements. We want many more students to hear the life-changing good news of Christ and to grow in him to be bold witnesses to his truth in all areas of their lives. We believe Tim brings the Christian leadership experience, humility and reliance on God to lead us on that path.

"The Board is very thankful to Jamil Chabouh for stepping into the Acting General Secretary role. IFES needed his pastoral heart at this time. His leadership and wisdom, alongside the experience of our Associate General Secretaries, and our godly team of senior leaders, have guided us well."

MEET TIM ADAMS

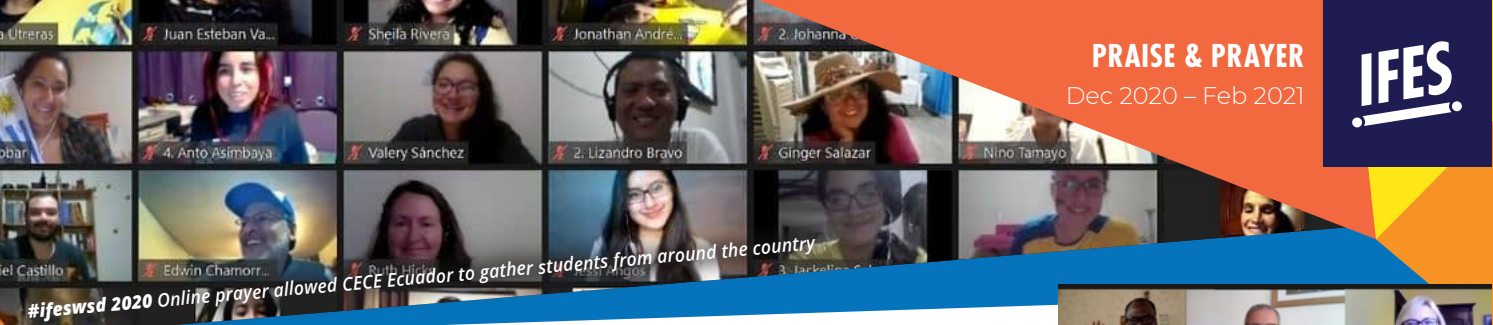
Born into a Christian family and with a father who was a church minister, Tim made his own commitment to follow Jesus when he was 16. He met his wife Sophie when they both worked in IFES in the early 2000s, and they now have three school-age children. Tim has a



Tim with Kurt Thiel, David Bahena and Marc Pulvar - IFES Regional Secretaries from North America, Latin America and the Caribbean

BA in Theology, as well as a teaching qualification and, more recently, gained a Masters in Managing Change and Organisational Learning.

In his six years as IFES Associate General Secretary Tim has initiated and overseen several key global projects including Breaking New Ground, Innovation in Evangelism, the Theological Advisory Group, and our growing e-learning program. He also leads the International Services staff team, launching the Asia office in 2016, and ensuring that the support services are aligned with the ministry vision of IFES. Subject to the



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approval of the Fellowship, Tim will take on his new responsibilities from 1 January. He asks that you hold him and his family in prayer as they adjust to this new role and its demands on his time and energy.

Tim shares: "I am humbled and honoured by this invitation from the IFES board [to serve as General Secretary]. I have always believed that Christian leadership is fundamentally about stewardship. Like the servants

in Matthew 25:14 – 30, we have been entrusted by God with an important responsibility, and we want to be commended as "good and faithful" when the Lord returns. As IFES General Secretary this means staying true to the legacy of prayer-fuelled, Bible-focused, Christ-centred, locally-rooted student ministry which has been the hallmark of IFES for more than 70 years. It will involve re-energising the network of national movements and staff that God has brought to this shared task. And



Unable to travel as usual, Tim has been supporting IFES colleagues using Zoom in recent months.

it will require us to make bold moves forward so that together we are effective in equipping today's students to be faithful witnesses and lifelong disciples."

FAR AND NEAR

More than 15,000 students, staff and friends of IFES in at least 152 countries took part in IFES World Student Day. We may have been praying further apart than usual, but many people were able to draw near and worship God for all that he is doing in student ministry.

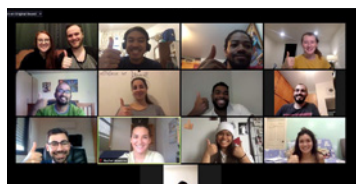
IFES South Asia held a full day of prayer meetings, coordinating with several other regions, in which students in the region or studying elsewhere could share prayer requests and stories of what God is doing. Even without COVID, many groups would have been using video conferencing tools to pray with friends elsewhere – like Ireland with Greenland and Ukraine, the Philippines and Romania with the USA, Australia with Myanmar, Israel with Canada and Malaysia with India. Francophone groups in Benin, Togo, Switzerland and Canada met online for a panel

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(from top to bottom) CECNIC Nicaragua prayer meeting; KIVF South Korea students at Dongduk Women's University made a video for peers in India and Mexico; An AFES Australia prayer walk at Charles Sturt University

discussion on "Far and Near" and to pray. Groups in Brazil, Nigeria, St Lucia, Indonesia, the UK and many other countries used video conferencing and social media to pray and share. It was wonderful to see mission partners like Friends International and OMF telling their student ministry stories too.

Most encouraging is when student groups take World Student Day to bring Christ into communities in practical ways. This year UCU Colombia in Bogota encouraged students to reach out to friends. GBU DR Congo organised events, including an outreach, and NBCBS Nepal distributed food in a Kathmandu slum.

Thank you so much for praying with these students. Please join us again on 15 October 2021.



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(from top left to bottom right) IFES EPSA staff Lawrence Gomez made a video with prayer requests for the region; GBU Canada; GHAFES Ghana invited students to pray together online; UCU Colombia invitation to contact friends; Creativity is always one of the best things about World Student Day – like this from Compa Mexico



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