

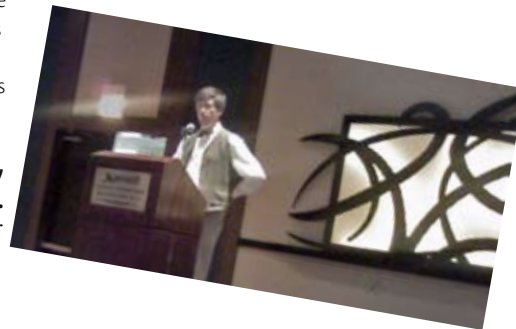
### Getting the Picture

Well, I give up: there's too much news to cover in this issue of *Off-Line*, so I'm going to resort to a "picture album" approach, for everything from the Following Christ 2008 (FC08) conference to Baby Roz.



Here's the front cover of a luscious oversized brochure we produced to help promote the FC08 conference, which I'm directing. This dramatic black-and-white piece is 8" square and is jammed with information about InterVarsity's triennial conference for graduate students, faculty, and professionals. (It's too large to enclose a copy for you with this newsletter, so I'm tucking in our earlier "save-the-date" postcard.) **Vision: A compelling lineup of speakers, disciplinary tracks, and special programs with broad appeal — and longlasting impact.**

March 12 was a very big night, when I and a group of FC08 teammates rolled out the conference to our 120+ Graduate & Faculty Ministries colleagues during a special evening at the conference hotel. (The very next night was a big one, too: Ann was in labor and Rosie was born early on March 14!) **Vision: A nationwide staff team united and fully equipped to help make FC08 a success.**



### Financial Update

Many of you have been generous in donations to support my ministry with InterVarsity this year. Thanks! I still have a ways to go, however, before the end of our fiscal year next month — with about \$1,200 in new ministry donations needed before June 30 for my budget to end in the black. **I'm praying for 5–10 people to contribute \$100–500 each.** Is this a good time for you to give a one-time gift? If so, please use the enclosed reply envelope or give securely online at [intervarsity.org/donate/to/jon\\_boyd](http://intervarsity.org/donate/to/jon_boyd).

register now

Registration — as well as our online scholarship application — are now open for FC08 delegates. It's still very early, but nearly 20 people have already registered. **Vision: 1,500 registered delegates by opening night, and no one who didn't attend simply because of cost.**



Promotional video, as well as downloads of audio and video from previous Following Christ conferences (in 1998 and 2002) are available online. We hope that they not only help promote the upcoming event, but deliver ministry content in their own right. **Vision: A followingchrist.org website that engages visitors with God's call to the academy and professions.**

*The Well* is the remarkable magazine-style website of InterVarsity's Women in the Academy & Professions.



I've been working with *The Well* staff to develop a system to manage their editorial workflow for the stream of fresh content they publish each month. **Vision: An effective and powerful team bringing words of encouragement and challenge to women through this website.**

(I have enclosed a *Well* bookmark for you to remember the URL by, or to pass along to anyone who might enjoy visiting the site.)

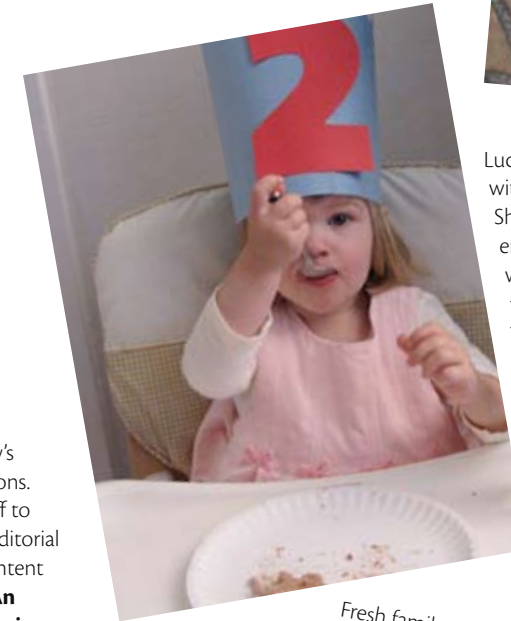
### Site Seeing

Why visit bad websites when you can go straight to the good ones?

- ◆ "Join the circle" at [circlemfarm.com](http://circlemfarm.com) — home to some of the sharpest writing you'll find about food, work, and the environment (not to mention lots of photos of cute farm animals).
- ◆ Don't pay the 7% fee at those coin-counting kiosks in the grocery store — get your 100% payout as an "eCertificate" (for Amazon, say, or iTunes). Find one near you: <http://locator.coinstar.com/>.

### Boyd's Eye View

Here Rosie (a.k.a. Rosalind Hazel Boyd) practices her smile as she sleeps. She's just eight weeks old now — and how delighted we are with her! She's growing like a blue-ribbon champion: she gained four full pounds in the last five weeks! **Vision: Rosie filled with divine joy and shedding it abroad.**



Lucy marked her second birthday a few weeks ago with a couple of cakes ("Delicious!") and lots of love. She's been making it a celebratory season as she embraces spring full-speed. We can hardly keep up with her — *literally*. **Vision: These two sisters as fast friends their whole lives long.**

Fresh family news, photos, and video online every day at [boydsnest.org/news/](http://boydsnest.org/news/)

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### Prayer Requests

Please pray with me:

- ◆ For every potential FC08 delegate to hear an invitation to attend the conference
- ◆ For the online ministry of *The Well* among academic and professional women
- ◆ For \$1,200 in new donations to keep my ministry in the black by June 30