



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## SPOTLIGHT ON SAMUEL!



We could not love our son Samuel more! At seven months old, Samuel brings to our entire family a joy, lightness and delight that we are so thankful for. He has begun the early stages of crawling which is more like a funny rolling towards his destination. His interests include meeting people (he loves to make eye contact and smile at you!), chewing on anything we will let him chew on, and listening to mommy sing (thank God!). He has had a wonderful summer playing with other babies of moms who sat in on the training. We are thrilled that he has adjusted so well to traveling, living in a home away from home, and the high altitude here. Thank you for continuing to pray for him, as well as our whole family!



Sammy and Dad Hiking (snow behind us!)

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## MISSIONAL TEAM LEADER TRAINING

Strategy! Coaching! Discipleship! Building a movement! These are just some of the myriad topics that were covered as a part of the Missional Team Leader (Campus Director) training in Fort Collins, CO this summer. Through this four week training, experts from Cru working all over the country in many different ministry contexts gave instruction on leading a movement that encompasses the whole campus. We were prepped on how to be a direction setter, how to be an effective spokesperson and how to challenge others to lead. We feel very equipped!



Andrew's coaching group for the summer

There were about forty participants with another twenty who were doing the training virtually. It was very exciting for us to see men and women from all over the country who God has called to lead movements on campuses all across the US! We are grateful to work for an organization that truly feels people are its greatest asset, and it was exciting to hear perspective from missionaries from North Dakota to California to New Jersey!

A personal highlight for us was having dinner with other Missional Team Leaders at Mark Gauthier's home. Mark is the Executive Director of the US Campus Ministry for Cru (and formerly the Boston Metro director!) and sets an unbelievable example for us as staff in humility, stewardship and godliness. During the course of the evening we all shared how we came to know the Lord, how we were called to the ministry of Cru and how we arrived at our current ministry locations. It was an awesome evening full of encouragement as we heard story after



Andrew and Jena with Mark at our banquet

story of God's grace and His love for people. We truly feel honored to be a part of the Great Commission, to be serving with Cru and to be leading the ministry at the University of Virginia.



Colorado is beautiful!

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our ongoing support. We are short \$1,000 in monthly support which we will need to raise before the start of the fall semester. Pray for those we connect with about financial giving would be receptive and drawn to the vision God has given us for making disciples at UVA.
- Please pray for our safe return to Charlottesville and that our children would acclimate well to our new home (We were only there for ten days before we came to Colorado!).
- Pray for our time before the beginning of the semester as we strategize ways to present the gospel to every student on campus.

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken (Ps. 16:8)

*Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel Brown*