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SURPRISE!



We returned home from shopping this weekend to a phone call from one of our students asking if he could come over to talk to us. We weren't sure what to expect as he arrived and looked somewhat serious. He then said he had to get something out of his car and left. When he returned, he brought with him thirteen other students who brought gifts for our baby! We were absolutely floored. I (Jena) said, "But I have nothing to feed you!" and Jessica from BHCC said "That's why we didn't tell you! We knew you'd try to make us dinner, and we wanted this to be a blessing to you."

The students then went around the room and told us how special we are to them — many said that we were like a mother and father to them. One student, Rohan, said "I didn't know why I was going to church until I met Andrew." They then showered us with clothes, toys and gifts for the baby, and ended the evening by praying for our whole family. We were absolutely floored by their generosity and desire to love on us. We will always cherish this!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



IS THE BIBLE RELIABLE?



This was the question posed on dozens of flyers all around UMass Boston (UMB) a week ago, inviting people to a special event hosted by Cru at UMB. Our students put together this roundtable discussion event for their fellow students where people could come enjoy a meal, listen to a talk on the reliability of the Bible and ask any question regarding the Bible's validity. Joining us to help facilitate discussion were Pastors Abraham Sangha from Christ the King Dorchester and Logan Keck from Christ the King JP/Roxbury.

Over forty students showed up and got to wrestle with different questions. One Muslim student in attendance asked this question: "If nothing is required for you to have salvation, why would a Christian want to live a righteous lifestyle?" It was a perfect segue for Pastor Keck to share the gospel message and to share Jesus' love that propels us towards righteousness.

The event was a great success in facilitating discussion among students who are not regularly drawn to Cru events on campus. We are planning on putting together two more events like this one in the spring, one at BHCC (which will be a first for this type of event) and another at UMB. Please continue to pray for the seeds planted and for our students to have opportunities to build upon these conversations with the students that came.

NEW BROTHER IN CHRIST AT BHCC

Last week we challenged our students at BHCC to go out and initiate spiritual conversations with their fellow students. About fifteen students boldly went out and had twenty conversations. One of our freshman girls, Michaela, went out with a fellow student, Bianca, and talked with a fellow classmate. They shared one of our evangelism tools, the "Knowing God Personally" booklet, and he prayed and asked God to come into his life! Praise God for this new brother in Christ, and for the encouragement it was to our students. Michaela had never gone out sharing before!



PUMPKIN CARVING: A SUCCESS!

Thank you for praying for our 4th annual Pumpkin Carving event last month. We had a record 45 students attend — the largest event we ever had at our house before! We might need to find a new venue! Thank you for helping us to give these students an opportunity to express hospitality and love to them.

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- We are having our baby induced this Thursday! Please pray for Jena's and baby's health and safety during the birth of our third child.
- We are hoping for record numbers at Epicenter Winter Conference this year. We already have more registered than attended last year! Pray for funding for all of them to attend.
- Pray for the BHCC Christmas event on 12/4 where a local pastor will be sharing the gospel. They are inviting the entire campus. Pray for a huge turnout!
- Pray that we would finish the semester strong with ministry.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good—His love endures forever! - Psalm 107:1

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown