



Ministry Update for the Browns
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BIG BREAK

The one week missions conference in Panama City Beach, FL where students learn how to share their faith with peers and to be challenged in their faith through speakers, worship and small group sessions is back!

At UVA Andrew already began recruiting students by telling them, "I've been to this conference FIFTEEN times. Why do I go over and over again? Because GOD SHOWS UP, and I want to be a part of what He's doing." This will be a veritable greenhouse of bringing the gospel into their everyday conversations — a transferrable skill they can take back to campus with them. UVA students responded to the call as well — 14 (in addition to 1 previously signed up) are coming as a direct result of Andrew's challenge to them!

Our students at UMass Boston and Bunker Hill have embraced the conference in a major way this year. In two weeks we will send off 28 students (crushing the record of 18 that we set last year).

Please pray for our students both in Boston and at UVA to be open to God using them in this unique and fun environment. We can't wait to see how God will work in both Boston and Virginia as a result!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



FOLLOWING GOD FULL CIRCLE

We have a very exciting announcement to share:

ANDREW WAS OFFERED, AND GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED, THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR FOR CRU AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA!

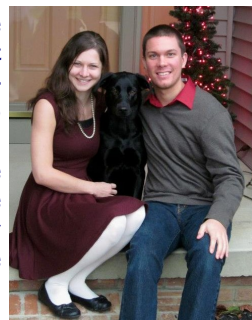
BACKSTORY

Last February we traveled to Charlottesville, VA. (You may recall that we lived there from 2003-2008.) While enjoying our time there catching up with friends and family we learned that there was no Cru staff at UVA. This was shocking to us, that a university so strategic in developing world leaders would be without staff. Andrew began to pray for laborers there, soon realizing that the Lord was, in fact, calling HIM to step in to fulfill that role.

After nine months of prayer, deliberation as a family and seeking wise counsel, Andrew accepted the position. Both students and staff within the region (the "Mid-Atlantic"), have expressed how grateful they are that we are answering the call to pick up our lives and enter into this new role — that we are an answer to years of prayer. We feel humbled by this, knowing it truly is a work of the Lord and that only He could have orchestrated such a plan. We feel that the Lord has taken us full circle, bringing us back to a place where we can have an influence for Christ. Andrew's family has legacy at UVA (his father, grandfather, uncle and many cousins are all alumni) — we are thrilled to have the opportunity to now begin to create a spiritual legacy on grounds.

We recently had an opportunity to travel to UVA to meet the students. Andrew spoke at their meeting and began our ministry by challenging students to forsake all things for the sake of Christ. It was a beautiful talk, and the students were so welcoming and receptive! Olivia has been the most resistant to the move but while there she was really loved on by the students. Walking back to the car that night she said, "I think I'm really going to like it here!"

As an additional bonus, we will actually have a TEAM at UVA — we have been assigned two new staff to help build the movement there — Joe Teichman and Nicole La Pierre (soon to be Teichman)! Please pray for this new couple as they raise the rest of their support and prepare to join us!



Nicole, Joe and their lab Samantha

MOVING FORWARD

This transition will require new staff to step in at UMass Boston and Bunker Hill. We have been assured by our director that there will be staff as soon as possible to continue the work that we have begun. In a few weeks we will step off campus to raise additional support and prepare to tackle the myriad details needed to be taken care of to make the transition for our family. We will move to our new house in Charlottesville on 6/1 and then head to Colorado on 6/8 (so much for unpacking!) for director's training to ensure we begin at UVA fully equipped for every good work and for service to the body of believers there.

We are so grateful for you, our ministry partners, and for your encouragement in this. Without you none of this would be possible!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for a smooth transition for both ministries!
- Please pray for our children to feel welcome in their new respective environments, and for the private school we have applied for a scholarship to make it possible for them to enroll.
- Please pray for the details of the move from Boston to Charlottesville: the sale of our house, purchase of a house, etc.
- Pray for us to begin our ministry at UVA well — humbly and Christ-centered.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. — *Romans 16:20*
Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan & Samuel Brown