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Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## KIDS KORNER



Things are going very well for Olivia, who is in the 4th grade advanced work class at the Joseph Lee Elementary in Dorchester. In a parent teacher conference last week her teachers both remarked that she is the leader in the class...the leader of the leaders. While we are so proud of her accomplishments, we want to ask for prayers that she would always find her true value and worth in Christ and not in her academic accolades. School keeps her busy, as does her art class and swim team, the Marr-lins, who begin their season this month!

Logan is also enjoying school and in addition to swim lessons, art class and taekwondo, has begun Cub Scouts, where he has already earned a badge for asking the most questions. He loves it and loves being so involved!

Baby Brown is moving around quite a bit at 33 weeks, but not quite ready to make his appearance! The Lord has provided much of what we need to be prepared for him through the generosity of good friends — we are so grateful for all of your help and provision!

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## OVERFLOWING: FALL RETREAT AND MORE!

Fall retreat was a wonderful time for us as well as our students! We were encouraged to bring 20 students from Bunker Hill (BHCC) and 9 from U Mass Boston, record attendance for our schools! Just 3 years ago there were 0 from BHCC! Cru staff Shana Powell and Bob Schwan from Montana spoke at the retreat and challenged our students to go after the gospel, and their respective campuses, wholeheartedly. There were over 300 students (a record) in attendance together worshipping God and wrestling with His call on their lives this year. What a wonderful picture of His kingdom!



Highlights for us included an Echo 2012 summer project reunion dinner, making and receiving dozens of encouragement cards to and from our students, and the annual early morning (optional) prayer time that Jena has led for the past four years. Especially meaningful for one Harvard student was the Sunday morning prayer time where we shared campus concerns with the group of 20+, laid hands on one another and offered our requests to God. She remarked afterwards, "I never knew prayer could be so powerful. I feel so freed up of my burdens at Harvard, I feel free to seek Him without expectations."



## Unprecedented Growth!

We are amazed how much growth has occurred already this year, especially at BHCC. We now have over 60 students involved and 30 of those are freshmen! The new students are all so excited to be part of the ministry that it has breathed new life into the group. We also have added two new life groups at BHCC and now have 4 going strong. Every event we do is bursting at the seams with students. We took students from 5 schools apple picking (see pic below) and we filled 3 school buses and 5 cars!



## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for more laborers, and for a deep sense of student ownership at Bunker Hill. With over 60 students involved at BHCC we need students to step up and take positions of leadership to disciple other students, lead life group bible studies, etc.
- Please continue to pray for Jena's pregnancy and for her and the baby to stay healthy.
- Pray that Logan and Olivia would continue to thrive and they would be prepared to welcome their brother into the family.

*The Lord will be with you wherever you go! — Joshua 1:9*  
*Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia & Logan Brown*