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The Browns' Ministry Update
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REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD

Echo 2012 Summer Project was, as we stated in our previous prayer letter, truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our students involved with the project remained connected with one another through social networking and several one on one get-togethers over this summer. We thought it would be fun to have a reunion BBQ at our house to share our anxieties and excitement about the upcoming school semester and how we could draw from our experiences at Echo and the fellowship we have built up to help us through environments within their college campuses that are hostile to the gospel.

Our students were at our place for FIVE HOURS!!!, enjoying one another's stories from the summer, praying for one another, and helping one another strategize for the fall. It was a wonderful time of connection, and we are eager to see how the Lord works in the lives of these students!



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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



...AND WE'RE BACK!!!



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Fall semester is upon us, and this year we were blessed to have our FIRST EVER overnight leadership retreat for UMass Boston and Bunker Hill Community College! We brought twelve student leaders to the Rice Lodge in Northborough, MA to worship the Lord, pray for our campuses and strategize for the upcoming year.

We highlighted 1 Peter 2:9, a verse that clarifies our true identity, which states, *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* Our prayer for our leaders is that they would embody their true identity before God and men and that in so doing would draw others to His kingdom. The students are excited to meet incoming freshmen and new students and getting them connected to Cru!

Would you take a moment to join us in praying for our student leaders, that they would multiply their lives through leading life groups and committing to creating a welcoming fellowship at UMass Boston and Bunker Hill?

TABLING AND CALLING PARTIES

This week and next we will be tabling at UMass Boston and Bunker Hill, giving away free Bibles, books to encourage spiritual growth, water bottles, pens, and more, while advertising Cru weekly meetings, life groups and special events. Following our tabling we will be holding "Contact Calling Parties" at our

house. This is a great opportunity for our students to follow up with the students that visit our tables and express interest in our meetings and/or hearing about how to know God personally. Our students will eat pizza and then use their cell phones to call the contacts we have. This can be a little intimidating for students to connect with and reach out to new students. We would love for you to be praying for us and our students that we would be diligent about following up with interested men and women and that we would get to share the gospel as a result of connecting with them.

We are kicking off multiple life group bible studies and hope to have 5 at BHCC and 4 at UMB. There has never been more than 2 at each campus. So this is going to take some faith! Please pray that new students would attend these groups and we would have the right leaders in place for each of the groups.



First Day of School!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- The beginning of this semester has brought on a number of difficult experiences, including Andrew puncturing his foot, Olivia getting lacerations on her arms and back,, Logan getting a concussion, our credit card info being stolen from us, a car accident, and Jena experiencing depression and pregnancy side effects. Please pray that we would be able to persevere through difficulties, with our eyes ever remaining on the prize of Jesus Christ, regardless of our circumstances.

- Please pray for God's blessing upon all of our beginning semester preparations: for connecting with new students, for the start of our weekly meetings and discipleship times, for our Citywide meetings and for the upcoming Fall Retreat. We had 270 students at the first Citywide! God is moving!

*May your identity in Christ be a light that shines in the darkness this month!
Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown*