



Ministry Update for the Browns
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Spiritual Warfare

As many of you know, often times when we step out in faith for the Lord, the enemy does everything he can to derail our efforts. Over the past couple of months we have experienced many forms of spiritual warfare: some in the form of life circumstance, such as one brother in law being in a terrible accident and the other losing his job, Logan being bullied at school for unknown reasons and further personal difficulties. Other times it has been directly related to the ministry itself, like resignation of team members, losing our room assignment in the chapel for inexplicable reasons, or a talk Andrew had prepared suddenly vanishing from our hard drive. Many times it has taken on the form of personal enmity, like spousal arguments or children at odds with one another. To be honest, at times we have said to each other, "This is unbearable." But we rejoice in the fact that our enemy is overcome (Luke 10:19) and that as we resist the devil he will flee (James 4:7)!

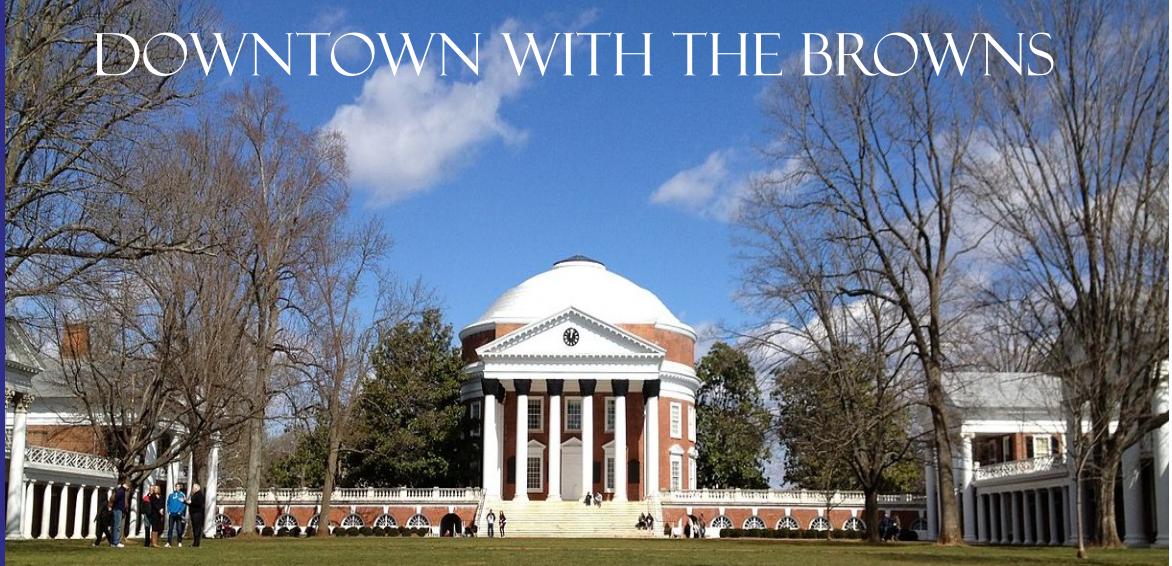
As our intercessors and prayer partners we THANK YOU so much for your continued investment in praying for us and for UVA, and ask that you would continue to pray specifically that Christ would be proclaimed here without obstruction. More than ever we are recognizing the value of your intercession. Thank you so much!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



STAFF RETREAT

Charlottesville has proven herself to be a lovely city during the summer: the weather has been moderate, the skies are bright blue, the grass dark green, and there are scores and scores of visitors and residents alike roaming the likes of the Downtown Mall, the Monticello and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

It was during this festive time that we had our staff retreat with our inaugural UVA staff team! We enjoyed creating team norms and going over our strategic plan for UVA while bonding together through activities such as hiking Humpback Rocks. It was a great beginning for us!

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Following our staff retreat, we launched a student leadership retreat. Over 30 student leaders attended the overnight retreat held at a local church. It was a great time to get to know them and to plan, pray and dream of possibilities. We shared our faith goals in a few areas, one being that we are trusting God for 15 students to come to faith in Christ this year and get involved in Cru. One student, Ellie, really took this to heart and initiated with a friend who prayed to receive Christ! She sent Andrew a text that night to tell him about it and said, "14 more to go!" Praise the Lord for this new believer!

ACTIVITIES FAIR

Our first large event on grounds was at the activities fair. Thousands of UVA students descended upon the quad to check out hundreds of student groups to decide where to invest their free time. With the help of our dedicated student leaders we were able to gather **six hundred** contacts! We have been working hard to follow them up and are praying that we will be able to share the gospel with many of them. One event the students did following the activities fair was "Games in the Quad" where they invited new students to come to the quad and play Ultimate Glow-In-The-Dark Frisbee. Dozens of students came out to play including a few that Andrew had invited directly. We were excited to know that our students are thinking about and executing relational (or Body) evangelism so well.

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for our fellow staff, the Teichmans, to raise all of their support by our Fall Retreat!
- Please pray for opportunities for us to share the gospel and to train our leaders to do so as well.
- Please pray for us to use our time wisely in ministry and to love our students and serve them with the love of Christ.
- Pray for our small groups to get set up and running well!

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth."

— Philippians 2:9-10

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel