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NEW LIFE

As we contemplate the many gifts God has given us this year we would like to take a moment to thank Him for a NEW ministry opportunity that He's entrusted us with. Join us in praising God for His gift of life.

We are expecting a baby in early December!

We wish we could have shared our big news with you all in person. We are so grateful for your partnership with us and for your support not only of our ministry, but of us, and our family. Please be praying for the healthy and safe arrival of our newborn. The kids (seen below doing what they love) are excited as well!



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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



AN AMAZING YEAR OF GROWTH



We are so thankful for the growth that has occurred on our campuses during the past year. We've been part of some great things, from creating and producing a musical of Jena's life story to bringing 18 students on a spring break mission trip. In addition a long-term prayer of ours for an expanded staff team has been answered. Gigi will be joining us in the fall as a staff intern! Thank God with us as we look at a few other things he has done this past year:

New Believers: This year we saw 2 students at Umass Boston (UMB) and 3 at Bunker Hill (BHCC) make the decision to trust Christ as their Lord and Savior. One of those students, Tony (mentioned in our last update), had a significant thing happen just recently. He attended church with Michelle (also mentioned) a few weeks back and when given the opportunity by the pastor to accept Christ into his life he gladly walked forward and did! I've been continuing to meet with Tony to help him understand his new found faith. He has a lot of questions!

Growth in Numbers: To reach an entire campus you need to have a group that is big enough to make an impact. In addition, as a movement grows in size it creates excitement and can be an indication of God drawing people to himself. At UMB we started out in September with about 10 total students and 3 of those were leaders. Since then we have tripled in size to 30 students involved of which 9 are leaders! At BHCC we've seen similar results with growth from 30 students to over 40 and from 5 leaders to 10!

Growth in Depth: God isn't just increasing the breadth of the movements though. We are seeing community and ownership happening like never before. The picture to the left are BHCC students at a birthday dinner. In the past it was a rare occasion for something like that but now it is a regular occurrence. On Monday 34 students from both schools met at a restaurant and spent hours together hanging out and having fellowship. They brought friends and it was all organized by a student. How cool is that?

At UMB we've long had an office space for our club that for years had been unused. Just this semester it has become a place where on a daily basis students hang out, study and bring their non-Christian friends to take part. Community isn't supposed to be happening at commuter schools, but it is! God is able to do anything he wants, anywhere he wants!

Summer Projects: We are so excited for the students below to have this experience and for the results it will yield back on campus in the fall.



Kencsia



Holden



Jessica

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for our students going to ECHO: Holden and Jessica from BHCC. Also for Kencsia going to Wildwood Summer Project. Pray for God to provide their funding and for amazing growth to happen in their lives.
- Our time with ECHO will be very busy the next 16 days starting tomorrow. Please pray for us to balance well the busyness of the project with the needs of our family.
- After ECHO we will be going to Virginia to meet up with friends, supporters, family, etc. We hope to see many of you during our time there from June 22-30. Please pray for good connections and for God's provision of the support we are in need of \$1,000/month.

God is good!

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown