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BOSTON ECHO

Although the temperatures are dropping and snow is sure to be descending upon us soon, we are already beginning to plan for Boston Echo, a two week summer project that Andrew will be directing this year!

The word Echo means "to own or possess." We want this experience to be one where students who might not be able to attend a traditional Cru summer project to develop in leadership ability, ministry exposures and a heart for building a movement of Christians. We are praying that 30 students from the Boston area and beyond would be able to attend, so they can return to school owning the ministries on their campuses! Andrew was recently in Denver, CO attending a summer project director's training in order to be fully equipped to care for these students. We are very excited for this opportunity to serve in our hometown (this will be our first summer spent in Boston since we moved back in 2008)!

For more info on summer projects visit:
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Andrew at Epicenter, promoting Boston Echo

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



EPICENTER CONFERENCE!



We were blessed to bring 27 students from UMass Boston, RCC and Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) to the conference in Albany, NY! We had been praying that God would use this conference to compel our students to share their faith and to grow together as a community. We saw this happening at the conference and it has continued since the



Andrew and Emeka, UMB student

conference with two large group dinners and students getting together individually. They are excited to share their faith back on campus when classes start up next week. This type of thing has never happened amongst our students so needless to say, we are very excited at how God used the conference in the lives of our students.

We are not always sure at what place our students are at in their walks with the Lord, or if they are walking with Him at all. One such student was Nelson (on the far right in top photo) from BHCC. Nelson had been attending our weekly meetings at BHCC but never spoke about his faith. At the conference we noticed him engaging in things in a way we hadn't seen on campus. We'll let Nelson take it from here:

*"From the moment I got to the conference I'll admit that I was in complete awe, **seeing everyone with such a passion for Christ.** For the entire week I felt confused about the whole thing. On the last night I randomly had a conversation with another student. We talked about Christ and if was ready to accept Him. I said yes because I really did feel like I was ready to accept Him into my life. After I prayed, it felt like right away that He was working in me and I felt this joy which I've never really felt before."*

Isn't it awesome how God *randomly* sent this student to share with Nelson at the point when he was ready to accept him into his life? Maybe not so random! Another student from BHCC, Amanda, was trained to share the gospel at the conference. When she returned home she shared it with her mother and she accepted Christ! Amazing!

JBTM ON THE ROAD



Jena was asked to perform her musical (Jena Brown: The Musical) at Epicenter! The musical was performed during a time where men and women split into groups. Jena was able to sit on a panel of women following the performance and talk through some of the issues that were touched upon in the musical. The result was a night of transparency, honesty and healing for several hundred women. What a great opportunity for Jena to be able to share how God has worked in her life!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for Nelson and his new relationship with Christ: that he would be growing and learning, and remain in Christ.
- Pray for Boston Echo and for our preparations to serve students who want to be trained to lead movements on their campus.
- During February we will be mostly off campus to focus on getting back to full support. Please pray that God would raise \$1,500 in monthly support. Pray specifically for our time in Charlottesville, VA the week of the 20th.

*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
John 15:4*

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia and Logan Brown